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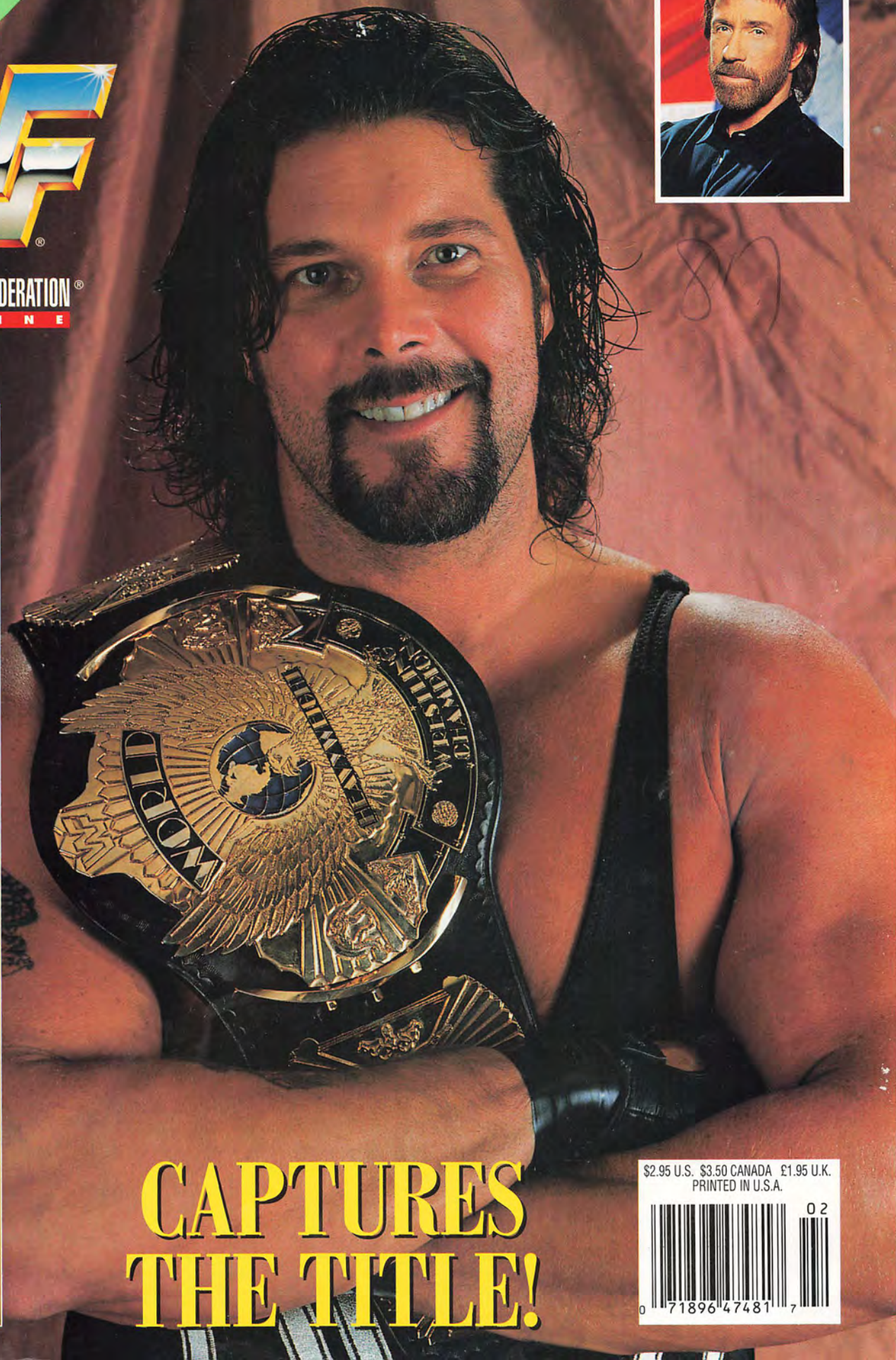


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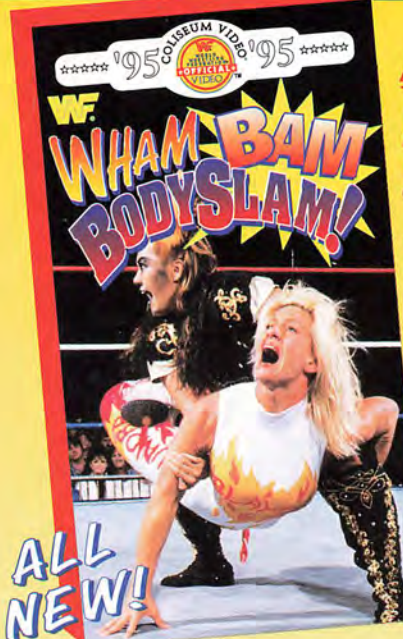
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# LETTERS

## TAKING THE EDITOR TO THE MAT The Fans Speak Out!

### IN PRAISE OF VINCE

Dear Editor,  
I must preface the following comments by saying that I do not know Vince McMahon, nor have I ever had the honor of meeting him. However, I have followed his career closely through media coverage, through facts passed along by persons who have had the pleasure of his friendship and through the many printed pages covering his personal life as well as that of a wrestling titan. I believe that Mr. Vince McMahon is indeed an individual worthy of very high esteem. An unsung hero, if you will.

His prowess with the Federation is enviable to say the least. Successful heights that he has reached are never attained without "paying the piper." He seems to have done that extremely well in spite of obstacles, personal and professional, that may have been placed in his way.

There are many words of praise printed about Vince McMahon, the Wrestling Czar, all richly deserved. However, the time seems overdue to recognize Vince McMahon, the humanitarian. He is a big man, big in reputa-

tion, big in accomplishments and big in stature. But he never stands so tall as when he reaches down to help the little guy. Thank you, Vince McMahon!

Dolores G. Lauer  
Verona, Pennsylvania

### A LETTER TO BRET HART

Dear Mr. Hart,  
I am a Canadian working woman raising three children. In today's world it isn't easy to find positive role models who can teach kids good values. Although wrestling may seem an unlikely place to find values, I have used you as an example many times. The way you conduct yourself reveals a person who is committed to his personal goals, takes pride in his accomplishments without arrogance and gives credit where credit is due, as you often do in speaking about the abilities of your competitors. I am sure that many single parents appreciate, as I do, the positive messages you send out to young fans.

In my 35 years, I have never felt the need or desire to write to any kind of celebrity—this is a first for me. I felt compelled to

write to you because I think it is important that you know how much more you have to offer than your obvious physical attributes and that your efforts as a positive role model are recognized and appreciated.

When you are weary from what must be an exhausting schedule or frustrated by the heavy demands of your job, think of this letter and remember that you are admired not only for the titles you hold, but also for the person you are and the contributions you make.

Judy Lamb  
Guelph, Canada

### IN DEFENSE OF THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,  
I read the letter written to you by an unsatisfied reader in the December issue of the magazine. This letter was an outrage! It never should have been published!

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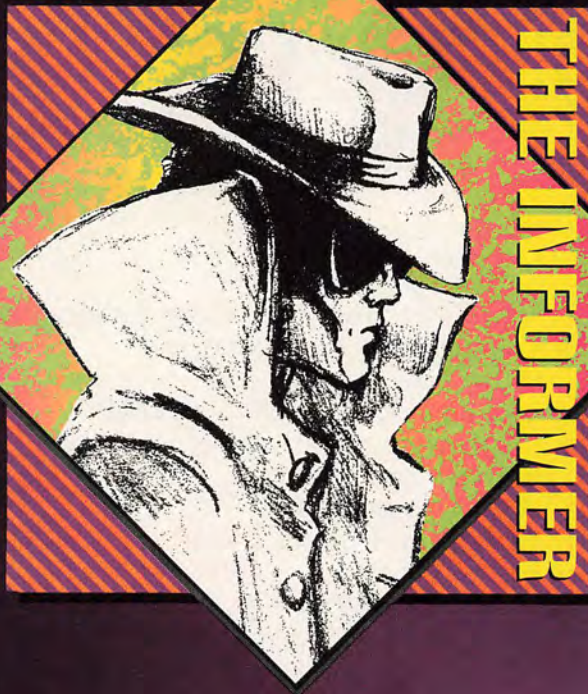
### OSCAR IN, DOUBLE J OUT?

Yo, Mr. Editor, what's up? For months I've been readin' Jeff Jarrett's music reviews, and I've been gettin' sick to my stomach! This is downright illin'! What gives that Double J the right to review music? It better not be that so-called CD of his *Ain't I Great*, 'cause that is the biggest hoax going! I've yet to find that CD ANYWHERE! Double J thinks he's great, and he ain't nothin'! Why don't he get a life? How about gettin' a REAL music critic who knows what he's talkin' about? Take me, for instance. You want to know what's happenin' on the music scene? Well, I'm the dude that's tuned in. You call yourself a fair journalist? Let's just see how fair you are! WHOOMP, THERE IT IS!

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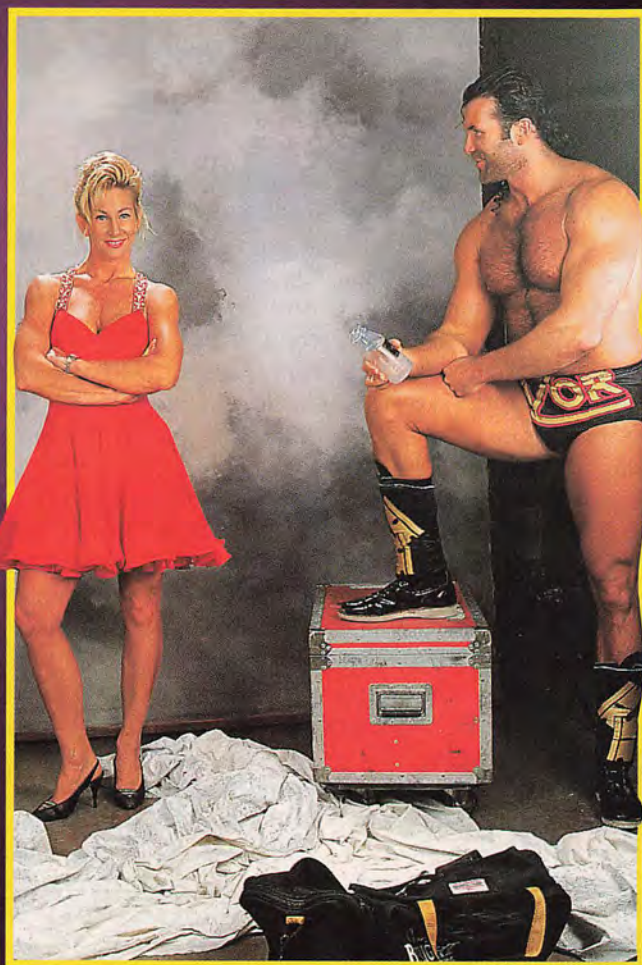




## THE INFORMER

**T**he superstars were all eyes when Alundra Blayze modeled for an exclusive backstage photo shoot conducted by Federation chief photographer Tom Buchanan. One extremely interested onlooker was none other than the Bad Guy Razor Ramon. Razor was quoted as saying that he thought Alundra was "one bad chica who oozed machismo!"...Upon his entrance into the World Wrestling Federation, Hakushi made it known immediately that he wasn't here to make friends. One superstar who found that out rather quickly was the masked ninja warrior Kwang. Looking to welcome his countryman to America, Kwang was immediately met with a Hakushi side-kick that literally knocked him off his feet—unconscious. I guess you can say that there's nothing like brotherly love...Nobody, and I mean NOBODY wanted to stay in the same locker room with Henry Orpheus Godwinn. When Shawn Michaels picked up his garb and tried to move to an adjacent dressing area, H.O.G. screamed at the Boy Toy, asking him if he had a problem with anything. Shawn nonchalantly answered, "Yeah I do; you STINK!" With that, H.O.G. beelined it in the direction of the HB Kid. However, before the mud began to fly, King Kong Bundy intercepted the pigman's path. Just as the fire was about to ignite what would have been the biggest pig roast in World Wrestling Federation history, Chief Jay Strongbow and Bam Bam Bigelow stepped in to separate the two behemoths. It appears that Michaels may have paid Ted DiBiase for the services of Bundy since Diesel has checked out of the Heartbreak Hotel...Speaking of the Heartbreak Kid, I overheard him telling Jim "The Anvil" Neidhart that he was about due to become the Intercontinental Champion for the third time...A familiar face is headed back into the World Wrestling Federation. He

may appear in a way in which you've never seen him before...Is there a problem between Aldo Montoya the Portuguese Man-O-War and the 1-2-3 Kid?...Double J's roadie won't answer any questions. He only speaks—when spoken to—to Double J himself...Bob Backlund let it be known that he didn't appreciate the fact Owen Hart was predicting that he would be the next World Wrestling Federation Champion the same night that Backlund won it! Even though Psycho Bob has since dropped the gold, I think Owen's comments may still be ringing out in his demented, crew-cut head. Don't rule out a showdown between these problem-plagued superstars...IRS, otherwise known as Irwin R. Schyster, may have a surprise for the Undertaker at the Royal Rumble. The Taxman has assured me he may have not one BUT SEVERAL druids in his corner come his climactic meeting with the Taker. Who will be blanketed in those mysterious black satin gowns? Only time will tell...Keep your eye on Bam Bam Bigelow...Until next time... **W**



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# NEWS BEAT

## hot off the press

Another fighting force from the Orient has recently emerged on the scene of the World Wrestling Federation. His name is Hakushi, which means "White Angel" in Japanese, and he has taken the Federation by storm.

Since he made his wrestling debut on the Federation Television Network, Hakushi has shown that he is a master of the martial arts—capable of incapacitating opponents

twice his size and weight.

With manager Shinja (which when translated into English means "one who follows") by his side, Hakushi is, without a doubt, a bad man. In fact, many say he is a "bad man from the good side of life," hence the name White Angel. Hakushi is out to prove his mean streak to every major World Wrestling Federation superstar, including the awesome Undertaker.

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## Hog Heaven!

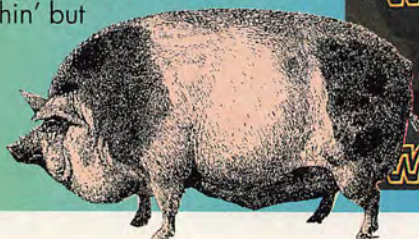
People are buzzing, or gagging, about newcomer Henry Orpheus Godwinn, who prefers to call himself H.O.G.. H.O.G. made his debut in the World Wrestling Federation just before the holidays. His demeanor and attitude, not to mention his total disregard for the rules, have rubbed many fans and wrestlers the wrong way.

H.O.G. is repulsive. This hog farmer from Bitters, Arkansas, lacks tact and is about as dirty as the animals he raises, literally and figuratively.

"There's a lotta hogs in the World Wrasslin' Federation," says the big man. "A lotta stinkin', disgustin' hogs."

To whom is H.O.G. making reference? Well, *Newsbeat* pressed him with the question, to which he responded, "Hogs like Bret 'Hit Man' Hart and Lex Luger. I say that they're both nothin' but filthy, grubbin', mud-lovin' sows."

H.O.G. is expected to participate in the pay-per-view blowout, the *Royal Rumble*, on January 22. The world will then see if he can reinforce his dirty talk with dirty action.





# Aldo Montoya, the Portuguese

## MAN- O- WAR

In late November, Aldo Montoya, the Portuguese Man-O-War, made his World Wrestling Federation wrestling debut during an installment of *Monday Night Raw*. His high-flying wrestling skills and unfaltering courage won him many fans, but it didn't win him the praise of the Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase.

After Montoya's match, DiBiase, who was calling the action at ringside, jumped into the ring and offered the youngster a lucrative amount of greenbacks in an effort to secure Montoya's services in the Million Dollar Corporation. To DiBiase's surprise, Aldo—in so many words—told Mr. Moneybags to shove it!

As a boy growing up in Portugal, Montoya said, "I always had dreams of coming to the United States and joining the World Wrestling Federation."

Now that he has realized that dream, the Man-O-War said he would "like to fight my way to the top and someday contend for a major Federation title [in order to] heighten my family honor."



# Nakano Nabs The Belt

As touched upon in last month's issue of *World Wrestling Federation Magazine*, Bull Nakano defeated Alundra Blayze for the World Wrestling Federation Women's Championship at the Egg Dome in Tokyo, Japan, on November 20. Their match was part of a major women's wrestling conclave that drew over 40,000 fans who spent upward of four million dollars.

Alundra's match against Nakano was one of the real highlights of this 22-match, 10-and-a-half-hour wrestling bonanza featuring some of the greatest female athletes in the world.

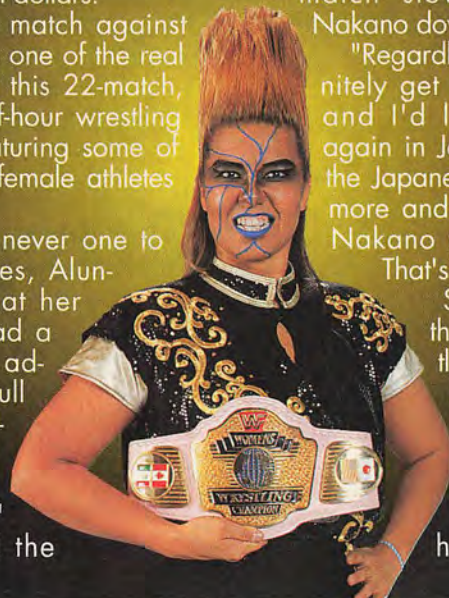
Although never one to make excuses, Alundra feels that her opponent had a home court advantage. "Bull had the advantage of being in her home town," Blayze told the

editors of this magazine.

Alundra also explained that she tried to stay with the North American style of catch-as-catch-can wrestling, as opposed to the Japanese style that has traditionally centered around aerial tactics and other daredevil maneuvers. "I didn't want the match to be fast-paced," Blayze said. "I wanted to keep the match slow and wear Nakano down on the mat."

"Regardless, I will definitely get my title back, and I'd like to win it again in Japan. I'll study the Japanese style a little more and use it against Nakano the next time. That's a promise."

Since joining the World Wrestling Federation, Alundra Blayze has made it a point to always live up to her promises.

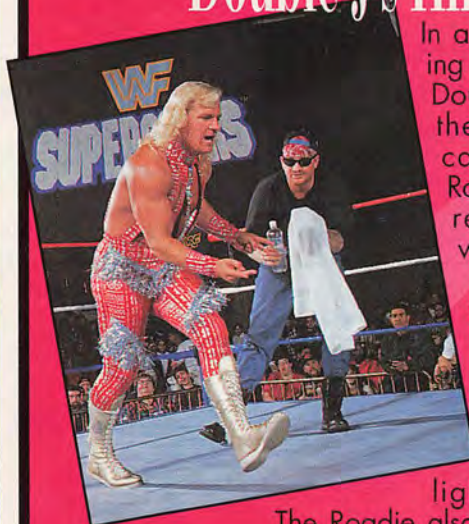


# Double J's Hired Hand

In an effort to support his ongoing "Ain't I Great" World Tour, Double J Jeff Jarrett has hired the services of an aide-de-camp. He is known as the Roadie, and he attends to Jarrett's every business need while on the road.

For example, the Roadie uses a flashlight so that Jarrett can get to the ring in an orderly fashion, especially during his ring entrance when the overhead lights go dim.

The Roadie also works hard to keep the masses away from Jarrett, making certain that no fan—or more likely than not, foe—can get within touching distance of "Music City's favorite son." **WF**





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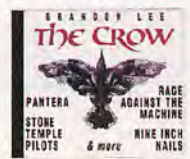
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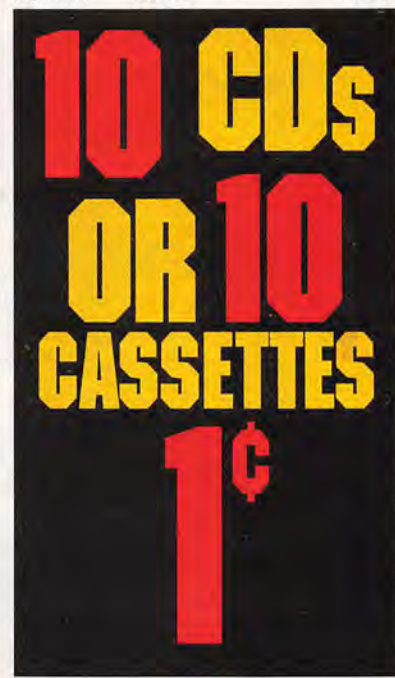
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## Advice To The LOVELORN

Dear Shawn,

I have been going out with this guy for one year, and it's just not working. The problem is that every time I get the courage to break up with him, he always says something sweet to me. What should I do?

Troubled in Texas

Dear Texas,

This cat you have as a boyfriend seems like a pretty smooth character. Actually, I sort of like him. He sounds like a Shawn Michaels kind of guy to me. You should just be happy he's saying anything to you at all.

Dear Shawn,

I have been dating this guy for two years, and I think he's ready to ask me the BIG question! What should I do? I'm not ready to get married, but if I say no, I'm afraid that I will lose him!

Needing Advice in Virginia

Dear Virginia,

The Heartbreak Kid has always had the opinion that marriage is strictly for losers. I believe that you should stay out and play the field just as long as you can, because I know that the field is where the grass grows!

Dear Shawn,

What kind of an approach do you use when you are asking girls out? Needing to Know in New York

Dear New York,

Approach? There is an approach? I wouldn't know what that approach is, because the Heartbreak Kid is the one

who is always being asked out by the chicks. Therefore, this is one question that you will have to go down another avenue to get answered. And I am sure you know that there are very few questions in this world that the Heartbreak Kid can't answer.

Dear Shawn,

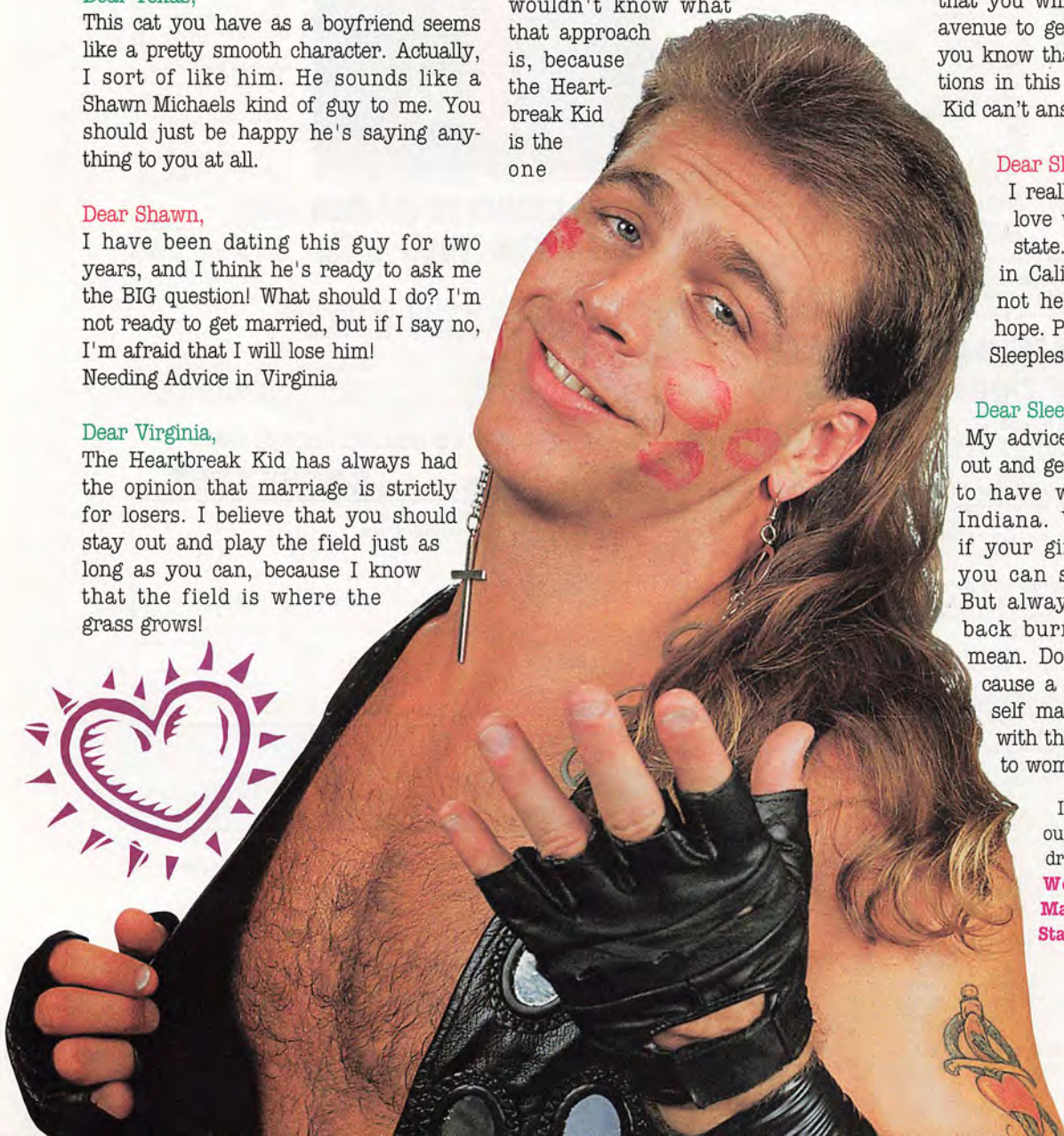
I really need your advice. I'm in love with a girl who lives out of state. I'm in Indiana, and she's in California. Ann Landers could not help me, so you're my only hope. Please help!

Sleepless in Indiana

Dear Sleepless,

My advice to you is just this—to go out and get yourself a little something to have when you're at home in Indiana. What I mean by this is, if your girl's out in California and you can see her, go right ahead. But always keep something on the back burner—if you know what I mean. Do be cautious, however, because a mere mortal such as yourself may not be able to pull it off with the same success as God's gift to women—the Heartbreak Kid.

If you are one of the lovelorn out there seeking advice, please drop a line to **Shawn Michaels at World Wrestling Federation Magazine, Post Office Box 3859, Stamford, CT 06902.**





# A WORD FROM ALUNDRA BLAYZE

I've been taking a close look at the last few issues of World Wrestling Federation Magazine, and something is really starting to concern me. Whereas I feel the magazine is great and can serve as a viable tool in the furthering of children's literacy, something is really bothering me—Shawn Michaels' Advice to the Lovelorn.

Don't get me wrong. I think it is a good segment—or idea—to give advice to children as well as to adults on love in the '90s, but I find his advice APPALLING! I think Shawn needs a little bit of direction. A WOMAN'S direction would help him quite a bit. MY direction would help him quite a bit! I feel that my input would do a lot, not only for Shawn personally, but for our readers GLOBALLY! People are writing in to him who are really concerned over a problem in their lives. Women, men, children, mothers, fathers, they're all asking him serious questions. I think that deep down inside a lot of people really enjoy Shawn even though they won't admit it, but his advice to these same people is out-right RUDE—AND—A PUTDOWN TO WOMEN!

My viewpoint can help steer the self-professed Heartbreak Kid in the right direction. I can help him give the RIGHT advice. I mean, come on, this is the '90s.

Shawn's opinion of women is downright NEANDERTHAL He needs a softer touch, and I think I can give that to him. The fact is—Shawn Michaels is lacking CLASS.

I'm worried about what he's telling the youth of America. He should focus more on education about the prevention of AIDS. Not about love and the total disrespect for women. Is he married? Does he have a girlfriend? Has he even whopped in the past year? What Shawn Michaels needs is a good whoppin' from a good lady, and I'm the one who's going to give it to him!

In the end, I think that Shawn can be a good facilitator for the fans in the future; he just needs someone like me to show him the light at the end of the tunnel! **W**



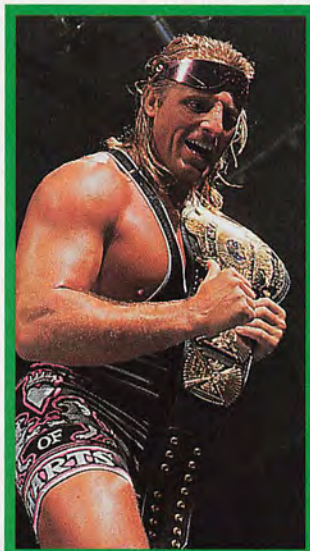


# THE BITE

BY VIC VENOM



Just guess what was under my holiday tree this year! Granted, many of you are probably asking yourself: What do you give the man who has everything—



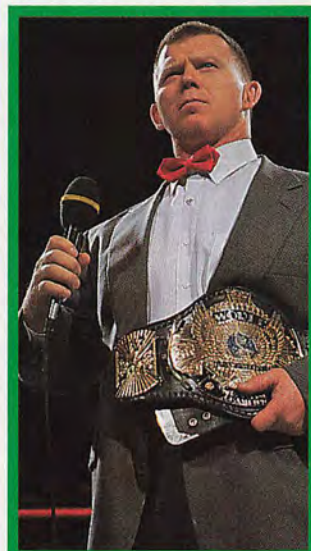
which, of course, is true—but at least one individual had something of an original idea.

As I woke up Christmas morning and rode the elevator down to the ground level of my mansion, I saw something extremely interesting sitting under my yuletide evergreen. You guessed it! Pamela Sue Anderson dressed in a skimpy, sexy, red corduroy Santa suit. "Merry Christmas, Mr. Venom," she purred. "I'm here to wait on you hand and foot." You know what I said? "HIT THE ROAD, PAMELA! The Great Vic Venom doesn't have the time for you and your silly games. TAKE THE HIGHWAY, MISSY! I have many more important issues to tend to!"

Now, to those issues. First of all, Mr. Backlund is the World

Wrestling Federation Champion—NOT Big Daddy Fool! Jack Tubby's decision to name Wiesel the No. 1 contender was BLASPHEMY! I mean, who had Big Daddy Ghoul beaten anyway? So he was impressive at the Survivor Series—BIG DEAL! You mean to tell me that Bam Bam Bigelow and King Kong Bundy weren't impressive? Why wasn't either one of them named the top contender? I'll tell you why! As I've stated here many times before, it's called Tubby's Law—baby the good guys, and punish the bad guys.

Before we talk about that travesty of justice that took place at Madison Square Garden, let's first talk about the Survivor Series and your DRIP MAN! What happened, folks? Now, I didn't predict a victory for Mr. Backlund—DID I? The Wet Head is dead, boys and girls. Forget his feeble comeback attempt at the Royal Rumble. He's finished! DONE! KAPUT! Put a stinking fork in him for crying out loud! And yes, even though Mr. Backlund was phenomenal on that night—THANK YOU VERY MUCH—it wasn't Bob alone who eventually brought down the Drip Man. No sirree. It was due to a BIG assist by brother Owen. From Wrestle-





Mania X up until the Survivor Series, Owen wore down Bret like a nagging wife wears down her husband. He beat his older brother from town to town, until he handed him over on a silver platter to Mr. Bob Backlund. As a matter of fact, Owen and Mr. Backlund might be co-champions of the Federation. I'll have to think about that and get back to you.

Madison Square Garden. Big D (DOPE). First of all, I was there. Second of all, Mr. Backlund had mentally and physically prepared for the Drip Man.

Thirdly, I never even heard the bell ring, so in my mind this WAS NOT an official match. Fourthly, Wiesel kicked Mr. Backlund in the midsection with what looked to me like a LOADED boot. Fifthly, the Jackknife is an ILLEGAL move. That's right, illegal. Just look it up in your rule books! So, in other words, roll all those facts together into one big ball and what do you have? Bob Backlund is still the World Wrestling Federation Champion! Case closed!

Case re-opened. What about the Heartbreak Kid Shawn Michaels? He's the man who put Wiesel on the map. The man who took Wiesel under his wing when nobody else wanted him. The man

who taught Big Daddy Fool everything he knows about wrestling. That's how you treat your maker? That's your gratitude? Is this Big D (Dummy) the role model you want for your children? Is this what the World Wrestling Federation and AMERICA are coming to? If it is, then get me outta here!

#### ROYAL RUMBLE PREDICTIONS

##### • Drip Man vs. Wiesel

Who cares? This match doesn't mean anything anyway.

##### • Razor Ramon vs. Double J

Are you kidding me? Do you really have to even ask me?

##### • IRS vs. the Undertaker

IRS. I don't need to explain myself.

##### • Tag Team Championship Tournament

If the Gigolo and the Doctor aren't wearing the Tag Team Belts around their waists on January 23, then something REALLY wrong is going on here. The Bodies are—without a doubt—the best tag team in the Fed-

eration today. Speed, size, power and cohesiveness—they have it all! Not to mention that they have the best-dressed manager in the business!

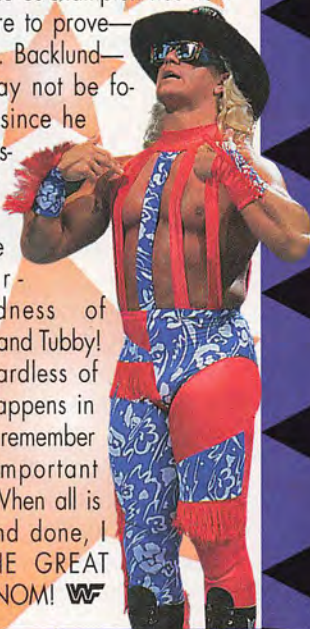
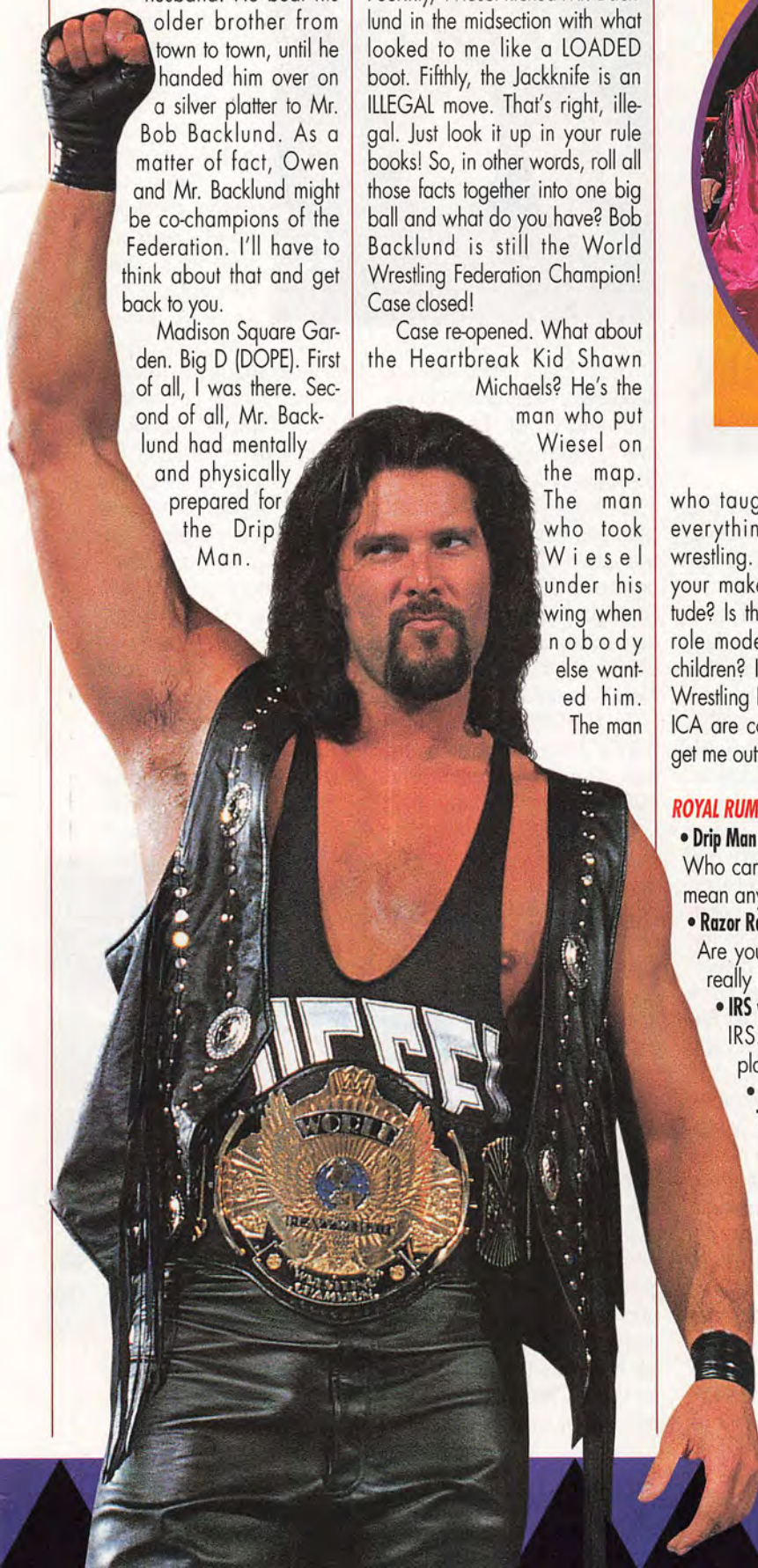
##### • Royal Rumble

KING KONG BUNDY.

As Teddy would say, take that to the bank! The Walking Condominium is due, and the Rumble is going to be his big payday. The dark horses are: Owen Hart—who really doesn't care about winning the Royal Rumble because the co-champion has nothing more to prove—and Mr. Backlund—who may not be focused, since he is too distraught over the under-

handedness of Wiesel and Tubby!

Regardless of what happens in Tampa, remember one important thing: When all is said and done, I am THE GREAT VIC VENOM! **WF**





# Rookies to LEGENDS

## HEROES OF YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

**L**ast June, Chief Jay Strongbow, in addition to other Federation superstars of yesteryear, was inducted into the Federation's Hall of Fame in Baltimore. Strongbow said his induction was the pinnacle of his wrestling career, which spanned more than four decades.

Born on a reservation near Pawhuska, Oklahoma, his initial fame came in Olympic weightlifting. Despite his success in the weightlifting arena, the wrestling ring beckoned him. As soon as he joined the Federation, he was a hit with the fans on the East Coast. His tenure began in the 1960s and lasted for over a generation.

In the early 1970s, Strongbow focused his energies on tag team competition. He and former partner

Sonny King captured the Federation Tag Team Belts and held them for a respectable period of time.

Billy White Wolf and Strongbow warred with legendary teams during the mid-1970s and had memorable matches with the Executioners. Chief and brother Jules Strongbow also captured the Tag Team Title and in the process defeated duos such as the Wild Samoans and the Moondogs.

Strongbow, whose wrestling style and sacred Native American war dance were as original as his stunning headdress, was the recognized force behind every team he joined. Thus, he was able to make the transition to singles wrestling with few problems.

Strongbow feuded with such infamous superstars as



regulations, levying fines against unruly wrestlers and making certain that athletes and referees arrive at arenas in a timely fashion.

It goes without saying that the Chief imposed a stiff fine on IRS, who brutally ambushed Strongbow and Tatanka during

Spiros Arion—who destroyed the Chief's sacred headdress—Big Bobby Duncum and Greg "The Hammer" Valentine. In fact, Strongbow faced Valentine in an Indian Strap Match at Madison Square Garden in the late 1970s. The match drew over 23,000 screaming Strongbow fans to the Garden and is still considered a classic by thousands in the New York area.

In the 1980s, Strongbow's career would reach new heights. In the early 1980s, he competed in the singles division and on the tag team scene with monumental success. Things, however, changed a few years later. By 1986, feeling that he had done all he could inside the ring, Strongbow decided to hang up his headdress and wrestling moccasins for good.

Federation brass felt differently. They realized his accomplishments in the Federation and thus offered him a position as an official, a job he holds to this day. As an official, he has many duties, which include enforcing

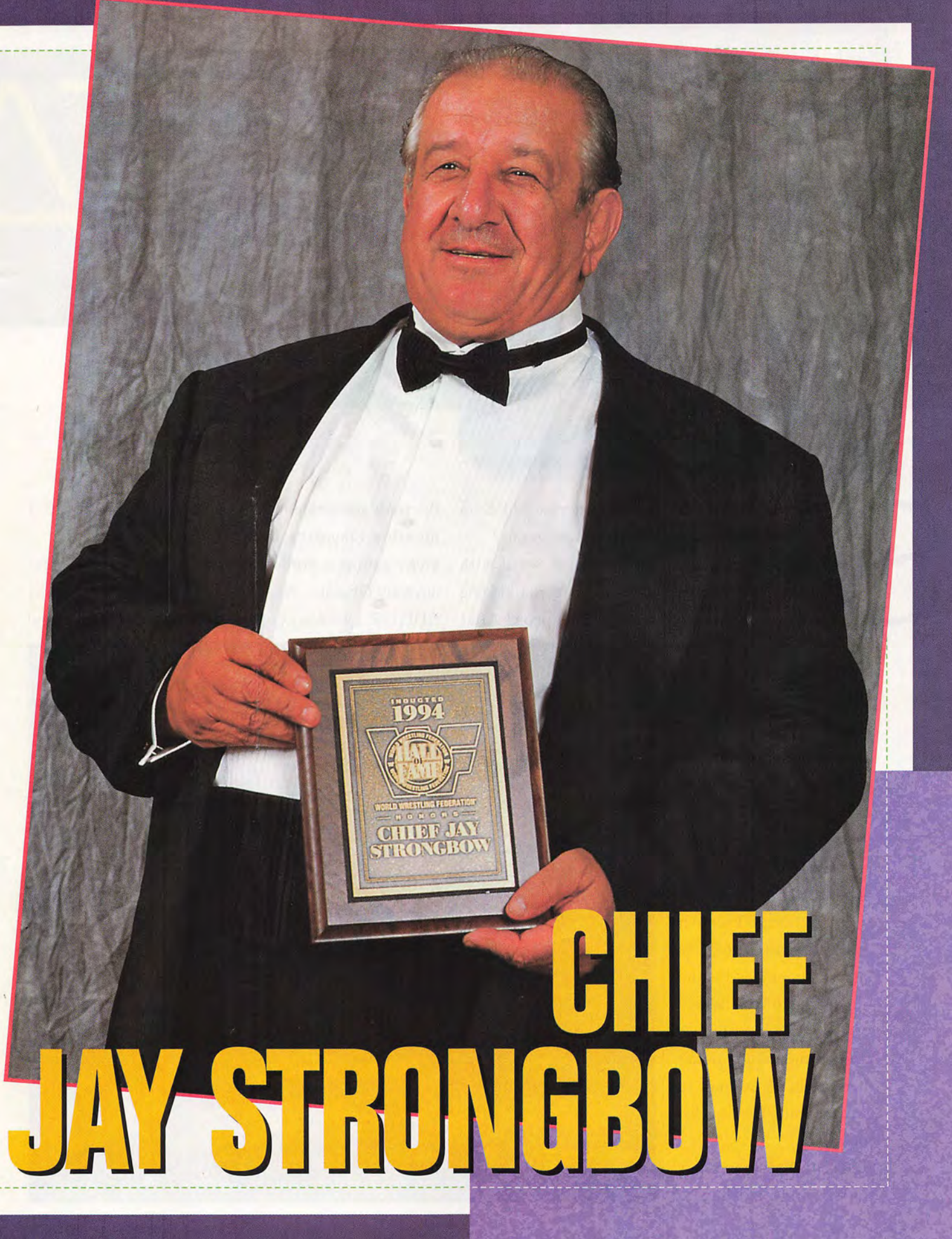
an episode of Superstars last year. Although Tatanka has since turned on the fans and his Native American brethren by embracing the comforts and evils of the almighty dollar, Strongbow still maintains a presence of authority within the Federation. Furthermore, he also maintains a memory in the hearts and souls of every fan who had the privilege and honor of watching him wrestle during his colorful career.

Away from wrestling, Chief enjoys a lifestyle that includes golf (he once shot a 74 on a difficult 18-hole



course), bass fishing and spending time with his wonderful wife, Mary. **W**



A photograph of Chief Jay Strongbow, an older man with grey hair, wearing a black tuxedo jacket, a white dress shirt, and a black bow tie. He is smiling and holding a framed plaque with both hands. The plaque is made of wood and has a gold-colored border. Inside the border, the text reads: "INDUCTED 1994" at the top, followed by the "WRESTLING FAN" logo (a stylized 'W' with 'FAN' inside), then "WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION HONOR", and finally "CHIEF JAY STRONGBOW" at the bottom. The background is a textured grey. The photo is set against a white background with a red border. The entire image is on a purple background.

# CHIEF JAY STRONGBOW



# IN THE RING OF FIRE

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Sources close to *World Wrestling Federation Magazine* informed us that the Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase called a mandatory emergency meeting with one of his employees, Bam Bam Bigelow, in order to discuss the controversial commentary—*Does Bam Bam Have a Beef with the Corporation?*—which appeared in the January issue of this magazine.

In an effort to keep our readers abreast of all of the latest happenings behind the scenes of the World Wrestling Federation, we crashed the million dollar meeting in an attempt to seek the truth. Here is what took place:

EDITOR: Excuse me, Ted, do you mind if I have a

word with you and Bam Bam for the magazine?

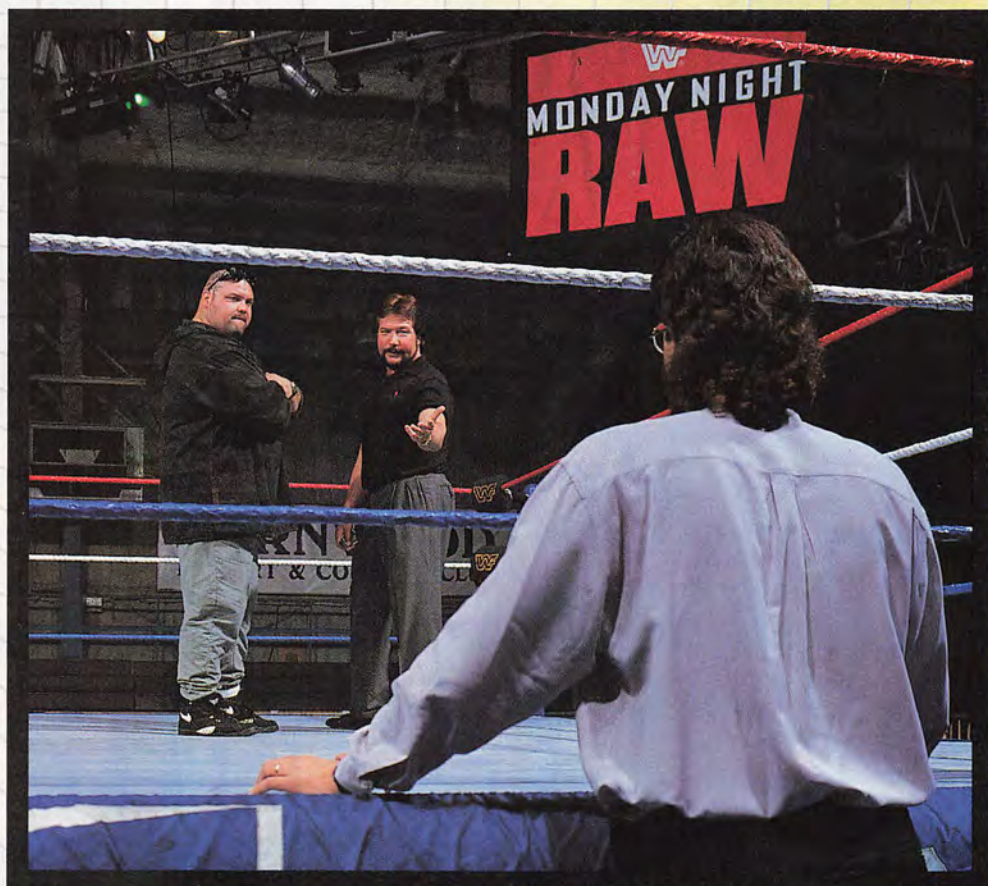
DIBIASE: A word with us? What, are you kidding me, you little peon? After

the trash you wrote in last month's magazine, you aren't getting a word with anybody. Give me a break!

EDITOR: I wouldn't exact-

ly call it trash; I'd call it more or less the truth!

DIBIASE: THE TRUTH? You magazine people don't have any idea of the real





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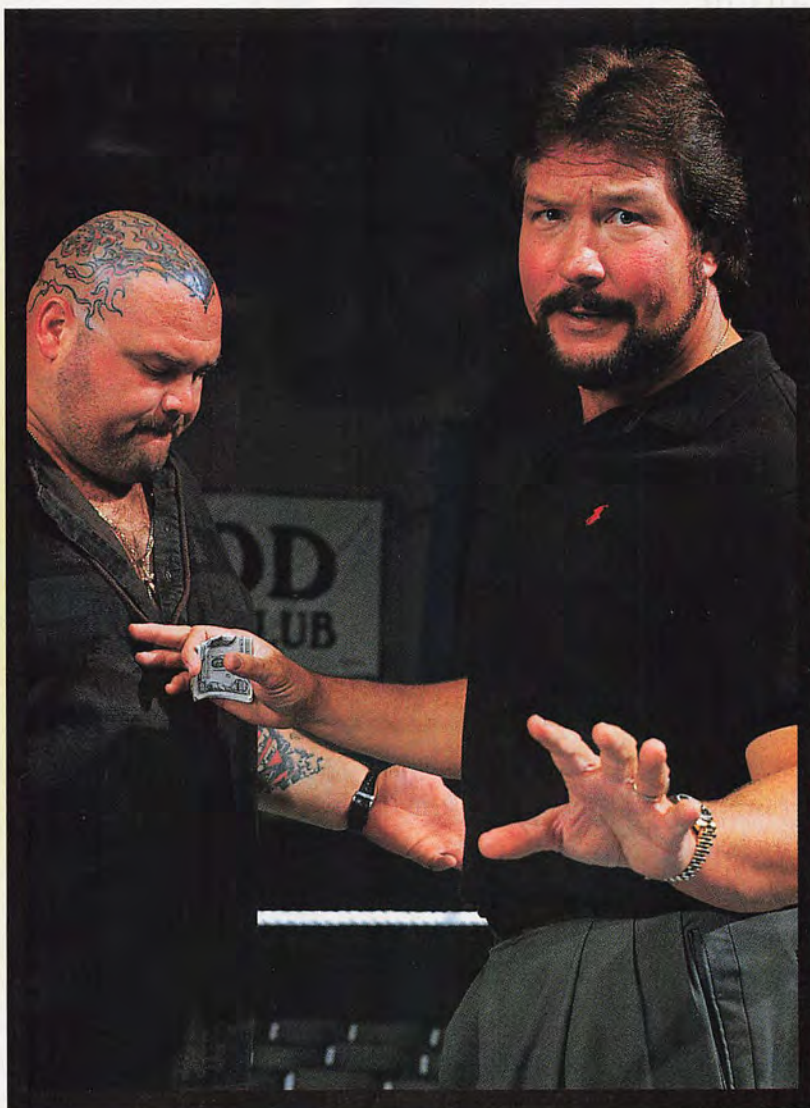
## TED DIBIASE & BAM BAM BIGELOW

meaning of TRUTH!

EDITOR: The TRUTH, Ted, is that there is rumored to be some animosity within the ranks of the Corporation. Do you care to comment on that?

DIBIASE: That's it, stir the pot, make some trouble. Let me tell you something, PEON! Within any corporation there is always some kind of trouble. Everybody's not always happy. Sure, there may be a little rift here and there, BUT the bottom line is: With the money I pay to my men in the Million Dollar Corporation, they're all as happy as can be expected. Wouldn't you be if you had an exploding bank account?

EDITOR: I'm not talking about everybody not being happy, Ted. I'm talking



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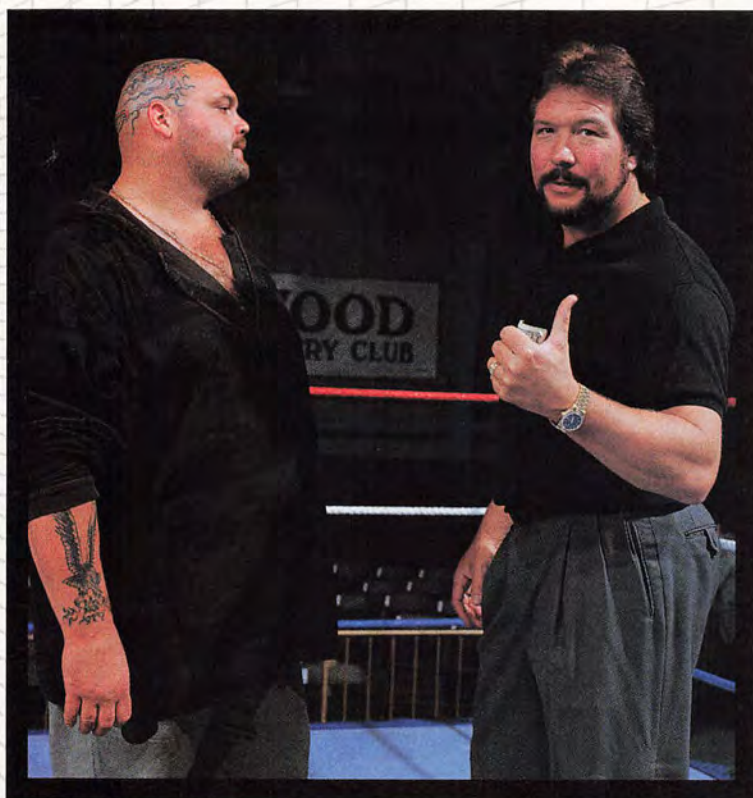
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about Bam Bam Bigelow not being happy. As a matter of fact, a source informed me that you brought King Kong Bundy—who I might add hails from the SAME New Jer-

slers in the Federation—get along very well together. They also happen to come from the same state. SO WHAT! No, I'm not trying to send anybody a message. Maybe there's a little bit of



sey as Bam Bam—into the Federation in order to send out a message to Bam Bam. Is that true?

DIBIASE: Now there you go again, reading into something that's not even there. Bundy and Bigelow—two of the greatest wres-

ego involved here, but that's positive. It makes everybody try harder. It makes everybody better.

EDITOR: Let me get Bam Bam's view on this.

DIBIASE: You're not getting Bam Bam's anything. He's been instructed not to





# TARGET: TED DIBIASE & BAM BAM BIGELOW

say anything to the press.

EDITOR: But why?

DIBIASE: That's none of your stinking business!

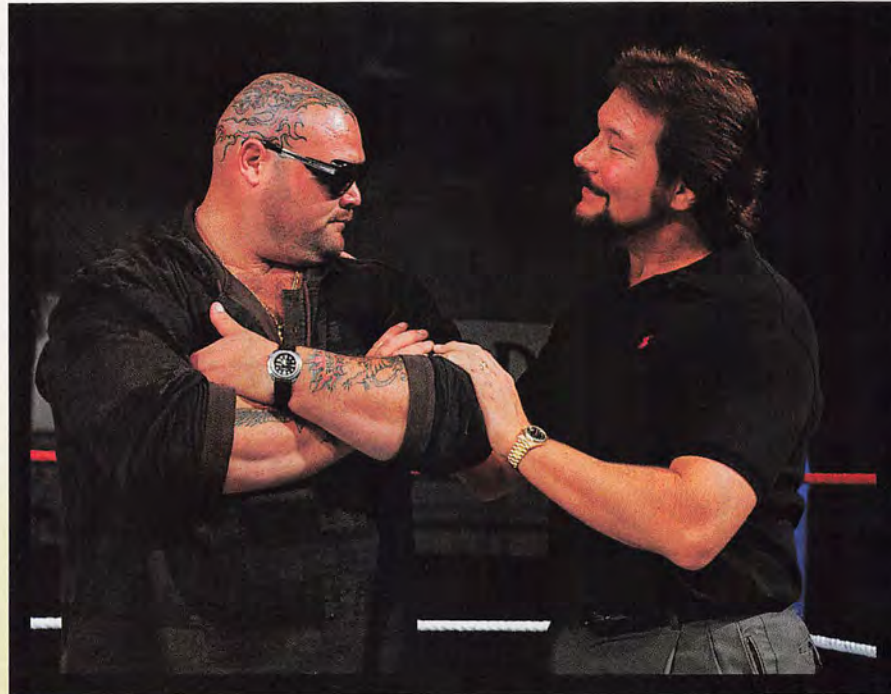
EDITOR: Fine. Next case in point: Jack Tunney. Exactly what is going on between yourself and the president of the World Wrestling Federation? I'm sure that you have seen the pictures we've printed in the magazine over the last two months.

DIBIASE: You guys never cease to amaze me. You're always digging for dirt! Well, let me tell you this—there is nobody in the World Wrestling Federation that I can't buy.

EDITOR: So I gather you are saying that you bought Jack Tunney?

DIBIASE: No, I didn't say that. Now you're putting words in my mouth. What I'm saying is that when I'm ready to let you know the truth about Jack Tunney—I'LL LET YOU KNOW! Right for the moment, I'm not showing my hand.

EDITOR: Is this all about you? Does Ted DiBiase



want to be the next president of the World Wrestling Federation?

DIBIASE: Well, let me put it to you this way—I believe that I would make a GREAT World Wrestling Federation president.

EDITOR: AND....

DIBIASE: AND nothing. Next question.

EDITOR: Who else is currently on the Million Dollar Wish List?

DIBIASE: You just don't give up, do you? If there's a secret, you just have to know it. It goes like this. I look down all avenues at all possibilities. I'm a business-

man. The question is, in whom can I invest my money in to get the best return?

Remember, what I do best is make money—PILES AND PILES OF MONEY!

EDITOR: In my opinion if you keep up this shopping spree, the Million Dollar Well will soon run dry!

DIBIASE: HELLO, MCFLY! IS ANYBODY HOME? You must be staying up too late writing these ridiculous nickel and dime articles! I am the Multi-Million Dollar Man! My financial well will NEVER run dry! This interview is officially over, PEON! **WF**

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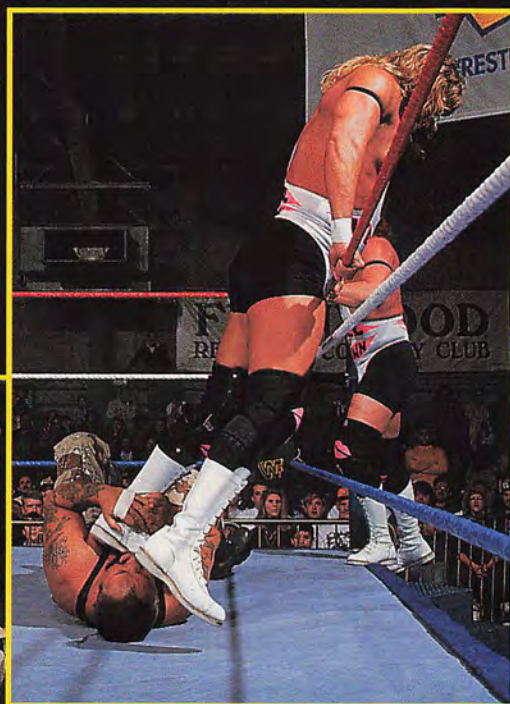
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WHAT

# WF MONDAY MAYHEM

**T**he fans at the Fernwood Resort in Bushkill, Pennsylvania, were treated to some down home cookin'—BUSHWHACKER STYLE—when the New Zealanders took to the ring in a recent *Monday Night Raw* match against Timothy Well and Steven Dunn of Well Dunn. It was arms flappin' and jaws yappin' when the Whackers hit the ring, and before Well Dunn even knew what hit them,



they were already cooked! Prior to the opening bell, cousins Butch and Luke cleared the ring of the Well Dunn boys, forcing their manager Harvey Whippleman to call for a mandatory emergency meeting on the

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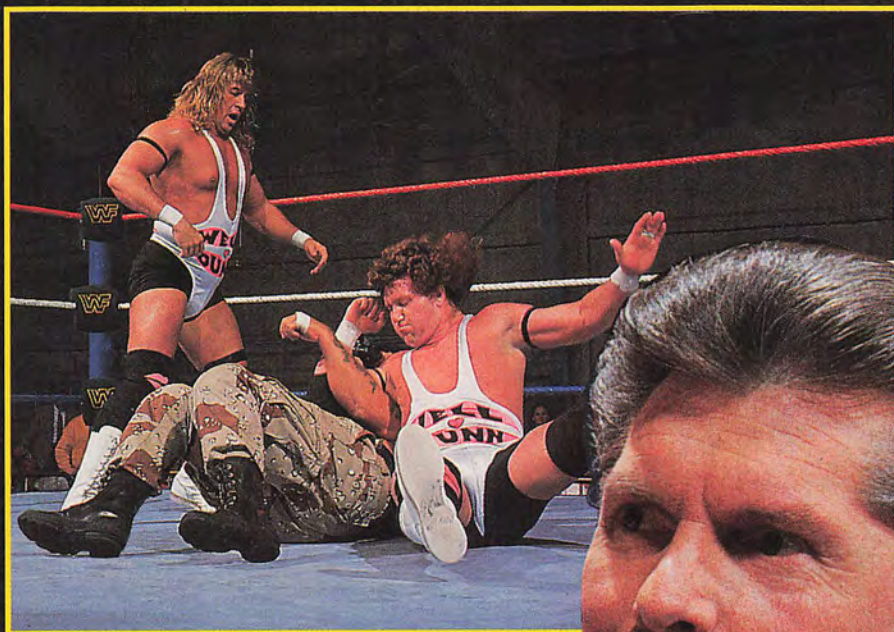
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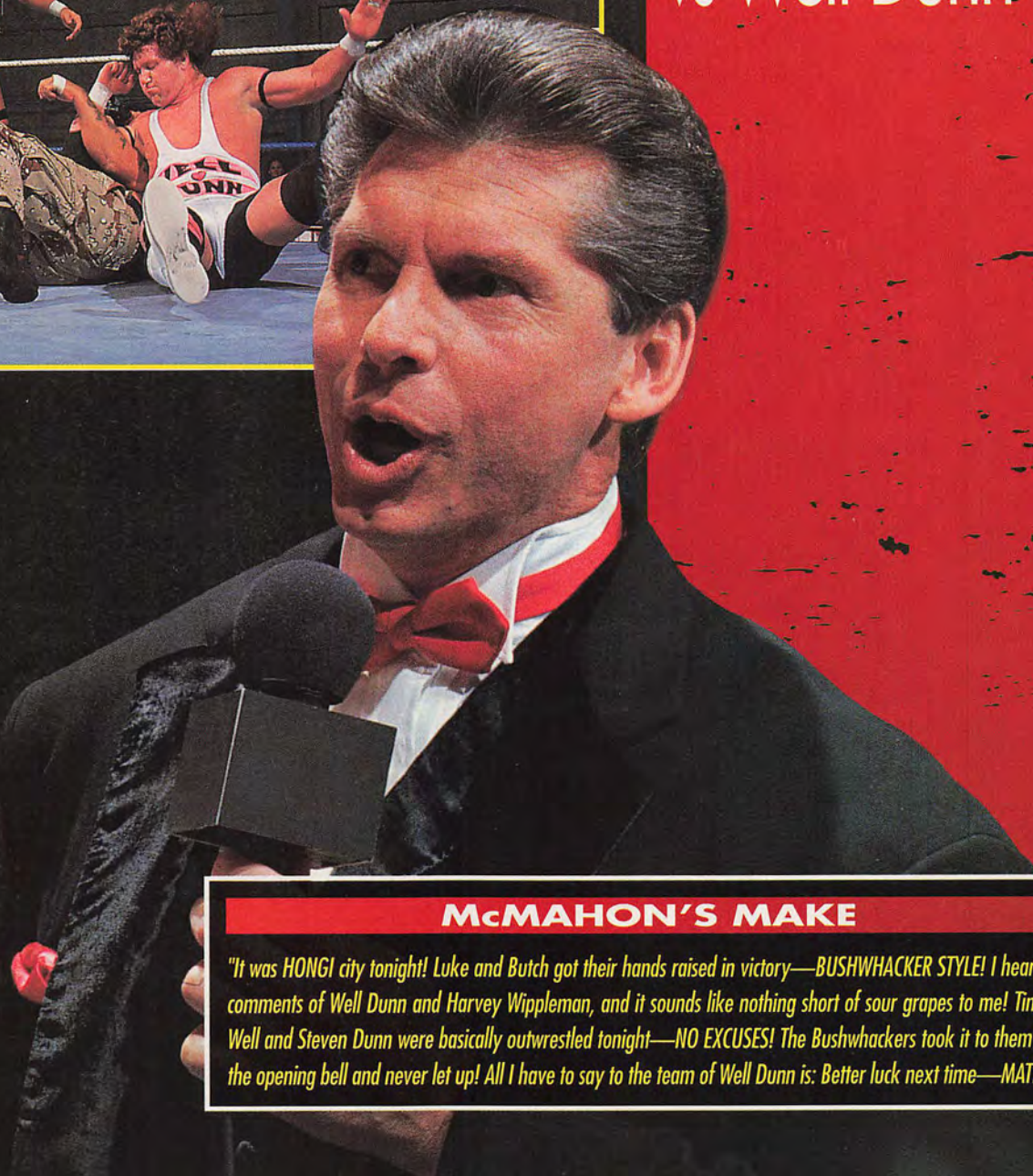
# YOU DIDN'T SEE AT Monday Night Raw

By Vince Russo



This Month's Match:

Bushwhackers  
vs Well Dunn



## McMAHON'S MAKE

"It was HONGI city tonight! Luke and Butch got their hands raised in victory—BUSHWHACKER STYLE! I heard the comments of Well Dunn and Harvey Wippleman, and it sounds like nothing short of sour grapes to me! Timothy Well and Steven Dunn were basically outwrestled tonight—NO EXCUSES! The Bushwhackers took it to them from the opening bell and never let up! All I have to say to the team of Well Dunn is: Better luck next time—MATES!"





## BUSHWHACKERS' CALL

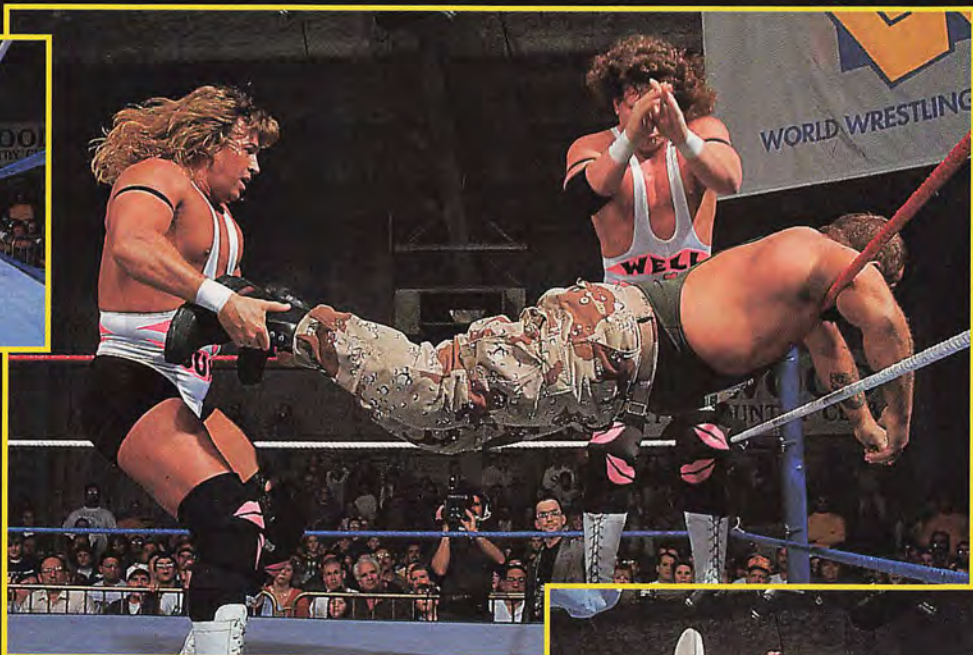
**Butch:** "We made Well Dunn—dunn' well—Bushwhacker style! Once we hit them with our native New Zealand greeting, the HONGI, we were all pumped up! We just can't wait to get Harvey Wippleman and his Well Dunn boys back in the ring again, and again, and again! Tell 'em, Cousin Luke!"

**Luke:** "That's right, Cousin Butch! We gave 'em a good lickin', mate, and then we gave 'em a good kickin'—all around the arena! Before those Well Dunn boys ever knew what hit them it was too late! HONGI! HONGI! It's party time, mate! How about joining us in a nice can of sardines?"



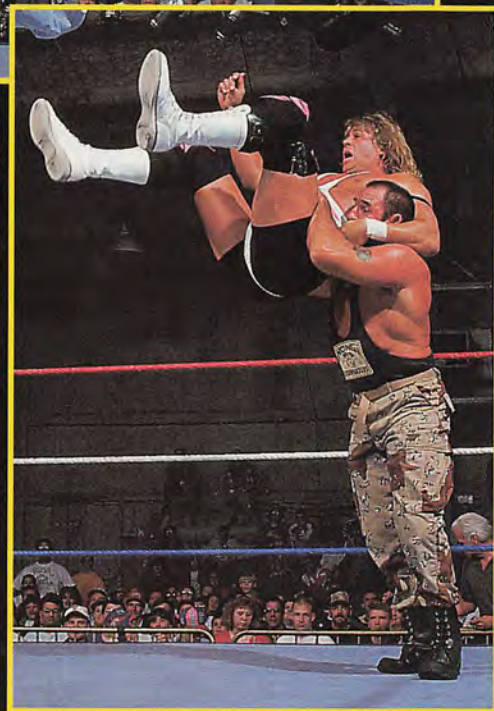
arena floor. With their strategy now set in place, Well Dunn was ready to officially start the match.

Hoping to take the early advantage, Timothy Well pounded Bushwhacker Butch to the canvas, maliciously kicking him in the midsection while howling for him to get back up. Well then scraped Butch off the mat and attempted to sling him off the far ropes. Butch managed to reverse the move and Irish-whipped Well off the strings, greeting him in the middle of the ring with a headbutt. As Butch went for the quick cover, Steven Dunn climbed to the top rope, looking to save his partner. As Dunn sailed through the air toward the mat, Butch rolled out of the way, causing Dunn to crash head-first into Well's cranium. Following the costly miscalculation, Luke immediately jumped into the ring, and once again Well Dunn found themselves on the arena floor being consoled by manager Harvey Wippleman.



The dastardly trio decided that this time Steven Dunn would officially start the match. Dunn captured the upper hand by whipping Luke across the ring, face-first into Well's size 12 boot. Dunn stayed on Luke, delivering an atomic kneedrop to the mate's head as Butch frantically tried to tag in. As the referee ushered Butch back to his corner, Well Dunn double-teamed Luke, leaving him lying immobile in the middle of the ring.

Now the official man in, Timothy Well took over where his partner had left off. After Well greeted Luke with two ferocious knees to the head, Well and Dunn took some time out to party it up. Fol-



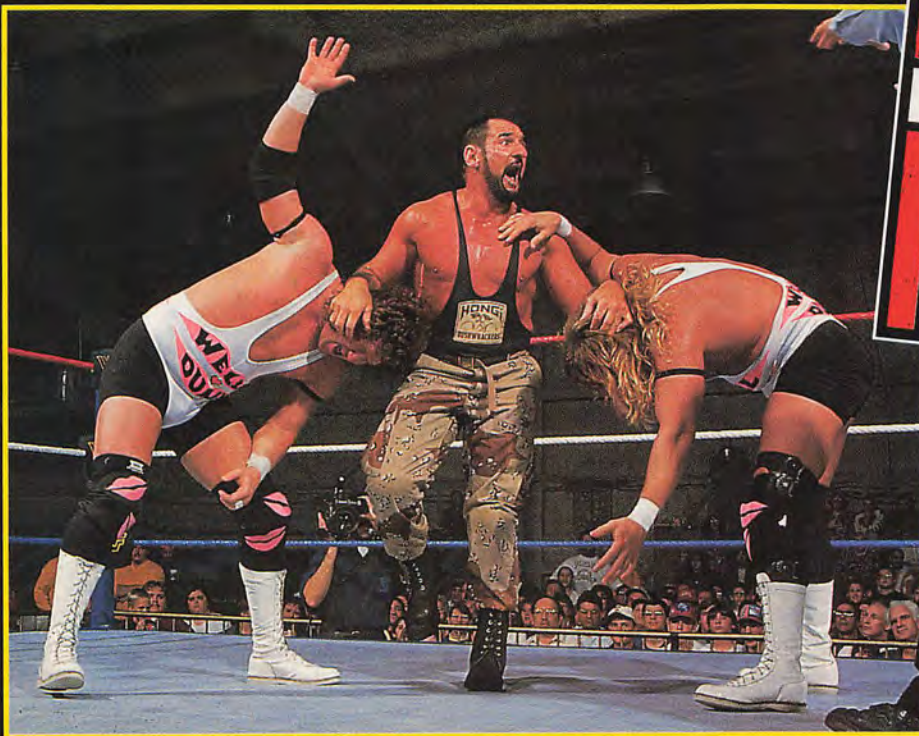
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# **MONDAY MAYHEM**

## WELL DUNN'S CALL

**Steven Dunn:** "The Bushwhackers were unorthodox, and they caught us a little bit off guard, but everybody saw the way they cheated! There were no legal tags! They may have had their hands raised tonight, but the bottom line is: They're always going to be ugly, and we're always going to be Well Dunn!"

**Timothy Well:** "They hit me with something in the back of the head, and that's why they got the win! They're cheaters! It took two of them to pin Timothy Well! Get it straight, Jack! Well Dunn comes in here and plays by the rules, and this is what happens. They need to do something about these Bushwhackers. Suspend them, take away their sardines—do something!"

lowing the brief celebration, Well covered Luke, but the brave Bushwhacker was able to drape his foot over the bottom rope before the referee could apply the three-count. A quick tag found Dunn back in the ring, as he quickly met Luke with a flying elbow. Again the cover; again Luke's lifeless leg found its way to the ropes.

Call it the primitive instinct of survival, but miraculously Luke was able to manage an offensive spurt as he flattened Well with a paralyzing clothesline. The explosive move seemed to take as much out of Luke as it did Well, since both men now lay sprawled out in the middle of the ring with their partners frantically trying to tag in. With his last whimper of breath, Luke extended his lifeless hand to Butch, and his exuberant cousin was able to slap it.

Butch wasted no time. He collected Well and Dunn and crashed their heads together, causing them to crumble to the mat. As Well

staggered to his feet, Butch knocked him back down with a battering ram, courtesy of Luke's head. Butch quickly covered Well, as the referee tried to restore order. With the zebra out of place, Dunn elbowed Butch in the head and rolled Well on top of him. While the referee tried to usher Dunn back to his corner, Luke snuck in, elbowed Well in the skull and rolled Butch back on top. Before Dunn could turn the trick again, the referee pounded the canvas three times, and the Bushwhackers had won the match. **WF**





# Video Game

## REVIEW

**GAME TITLE:**  
**URBAN STRIKE**

**LEVELS:**  
**10**

**MACHINE:**  
**GENESIS**

**PLAYERS:**  
**1**

**MANUFACTURER:**  
**ELECTRONIC ARTS**

**MEGS:**  
**16**

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### GAME PLAY



### GRAPHICS



### MUSIC/SOUND



### OVERALL RATING



**TIP:** Try to complete your mission objectives in order. Destroying your targets will be much easier this way.

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New York City is under siege. San Francisco is being held captive. Las Vegas is doomed to become nothing but a desert wasteland. It's up to you to change the chaos and free America's national landmarks. First there was Desert Strike, then there was Jungle Strike, now Electronic Arts brings you Urban Strike. You must face the rich, ruthless, political maverick H.R. Malone, who is going after the United States

government. This is where you step into the picture. You are in the cockpit of one of the Air Force's deadliest helicopters. Urban Strike has over 40 missions in 10 different campaigns that take place in the air and on the ground. This simulation should be enough action to satisfy anybody's military instincts.

Urban Strike's 16 MEGS of memory give you an incredible number of strategic objectives. While some of



Be sure your armor is high when facing the enemy choppers.

## LEVEL CODES

Having trouble getting to some of the other levels? Input any of the passwords below to start you off on any of the following campaigns in Urban Strike.

Baja Oil Rigs:  
**CR7C9LB7CHX**

Mexico:  
**9GRPK9LGJ4C**

San Francisco:  
**NWDVZRPMK9T**

New York City:  
**LGVKG3J7CHF**

Las Vegas:  
**GPTKHGDR4KD**

Underground:  
**W7Y9DTXFGR6**



# GENESIS



**Take out the bridge to complete this part of the campaign.**

the missions would not even challenge an Air Force cadet, others require some training and patience to complete. One of the new features in this sequel, which really adds to the overall gameplay, is the addition of ground missions that you must complete on foot. You will have to enter different structures with your high-tech pulse rifle and take on Malone's bad guys, while completing a variety of missions. The graphics and sound effects are excellent and consistent with past titles from the EA Air Force line of games. One of the disappointing moments of this cart was the ease of the last level, which you usually

expect to be the toughest of them all. Electronic Arts has always paid attention to the little details in all of the games that it produces, and that's what makes this game just as successful as its others.

Overall, Urban Strike was a great game to play, with plenty of challenging missions to keep you interested until the end. You will love the graphic details and the new features that have not been seen in Desert Strike or Jungle Strike. So jump into the cockpit, put on your Nikes for some intense ground missions and get ready to save the nation from yet another military madman.

**Be sure that no planes take off from the Baja oil rigs and that you destroy the planes that are just barely visible on the lower deck.**

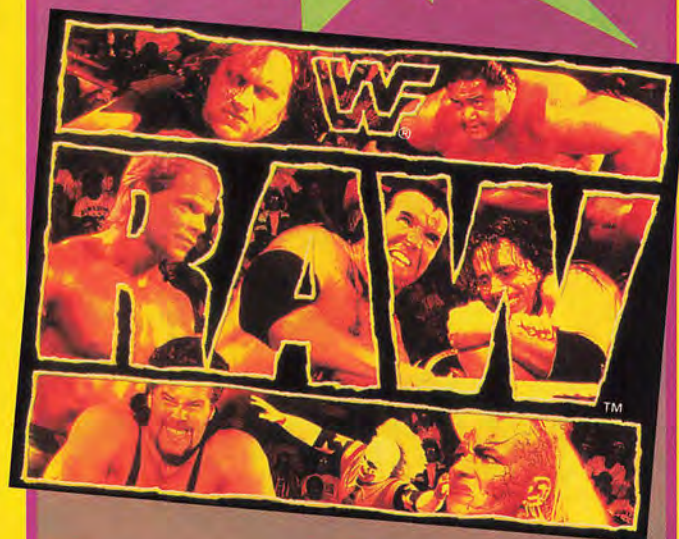


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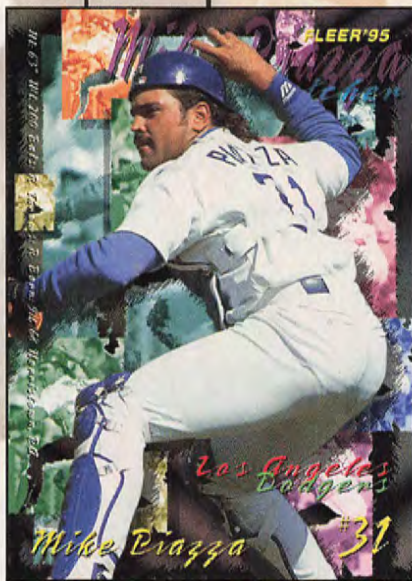
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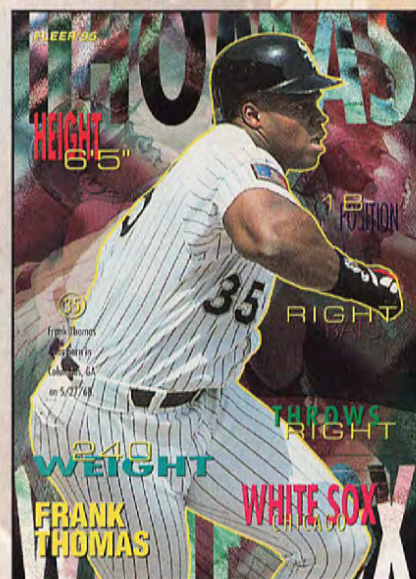
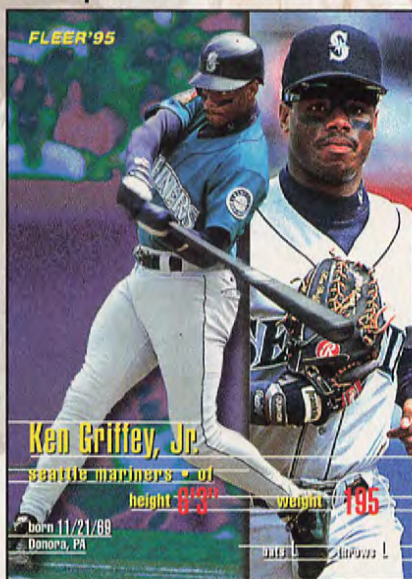
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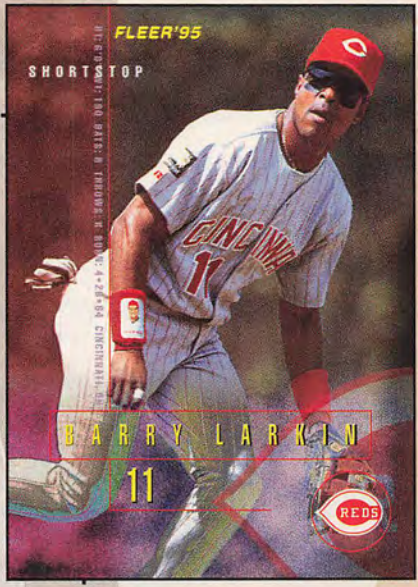
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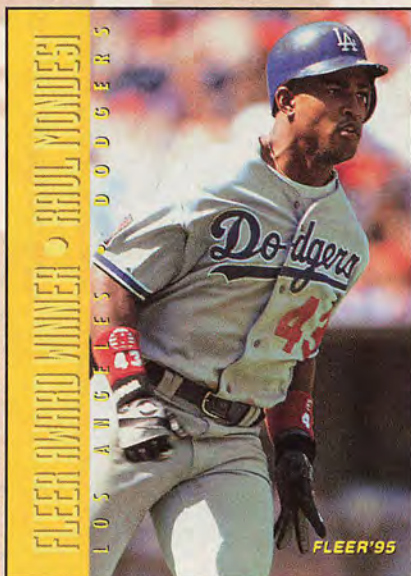




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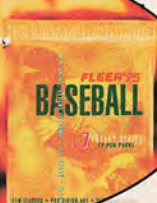
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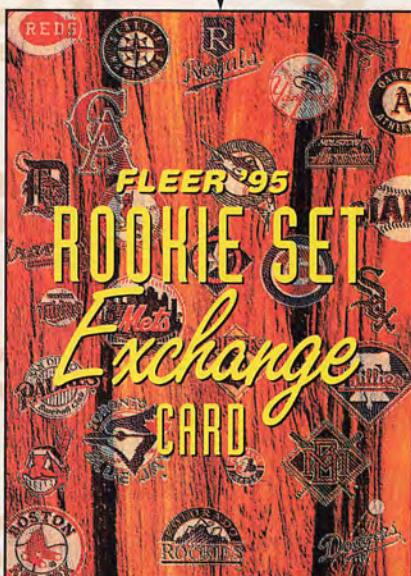


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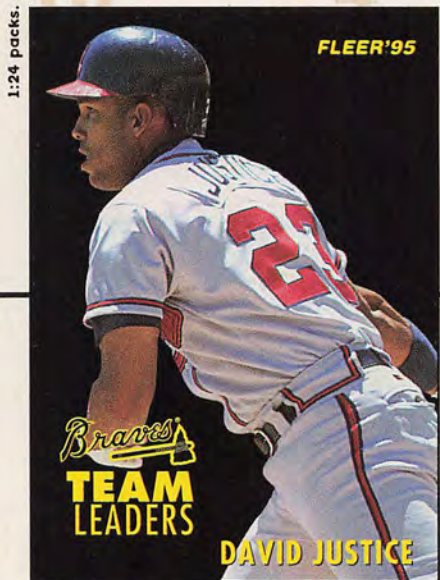
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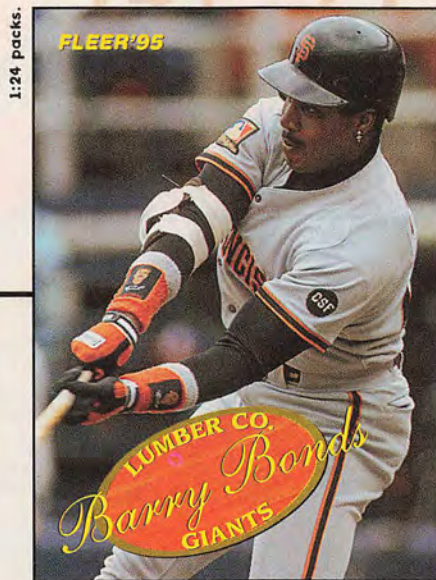
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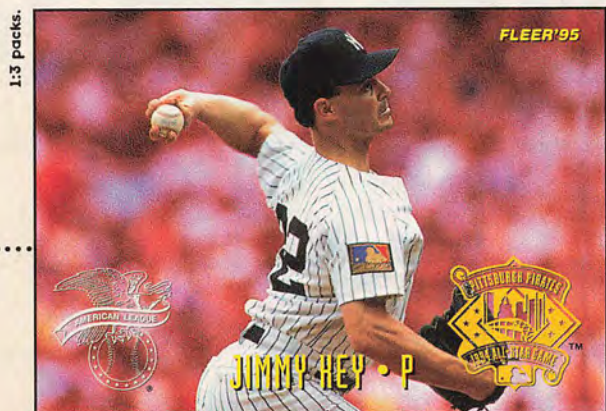
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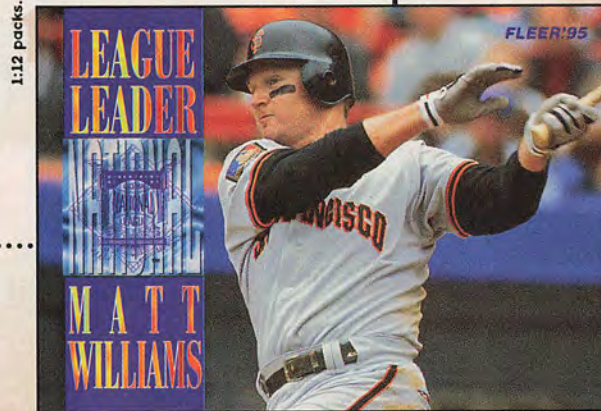
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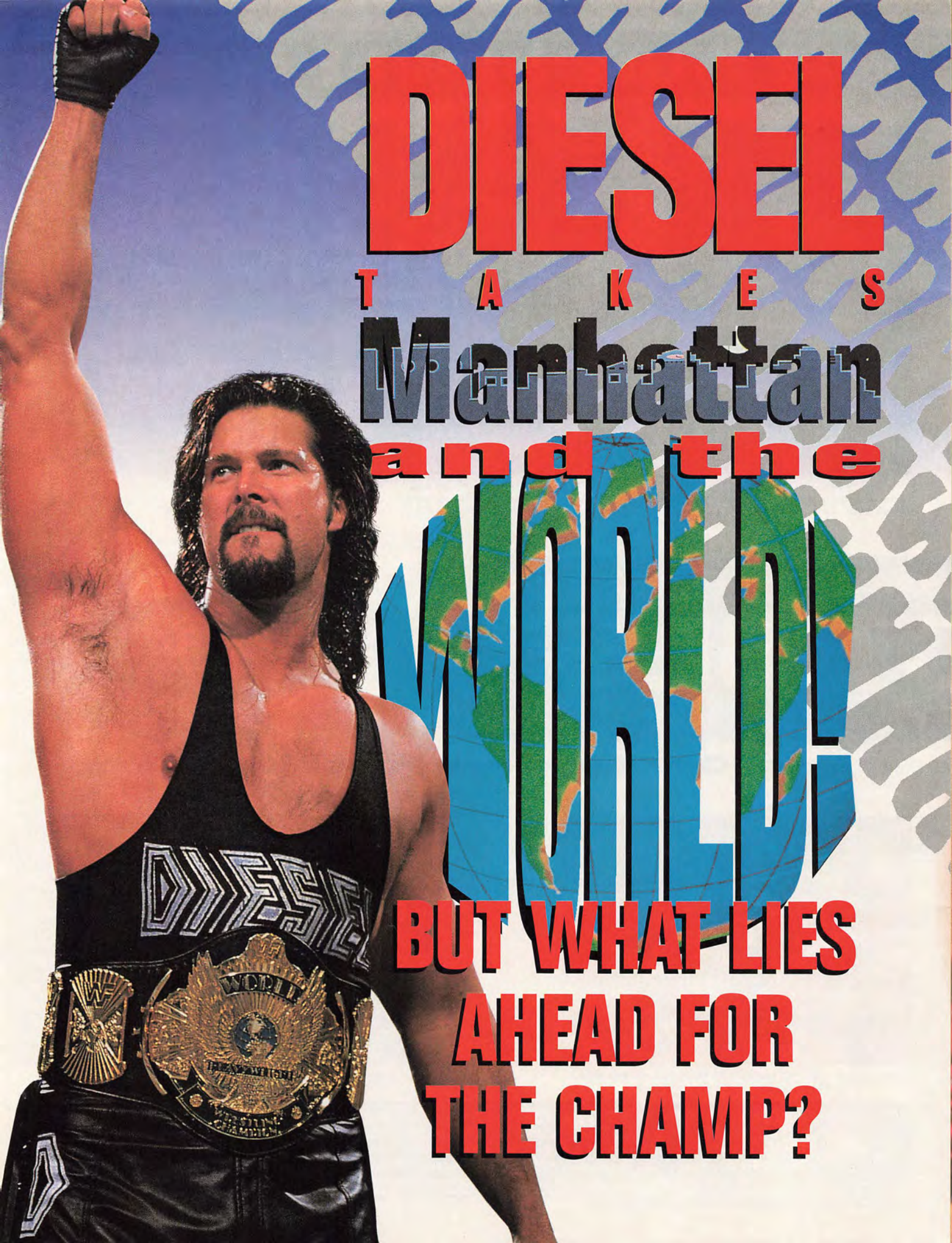


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**BUT WHAT LIES  
AHEAD FOR  
THE CHAMP?**





## By Vince Russo

It was to take center stage just in time for the holidays. People traveled to the Big Apple from far and near just to witness this event of epic proportions. No, it wasn't

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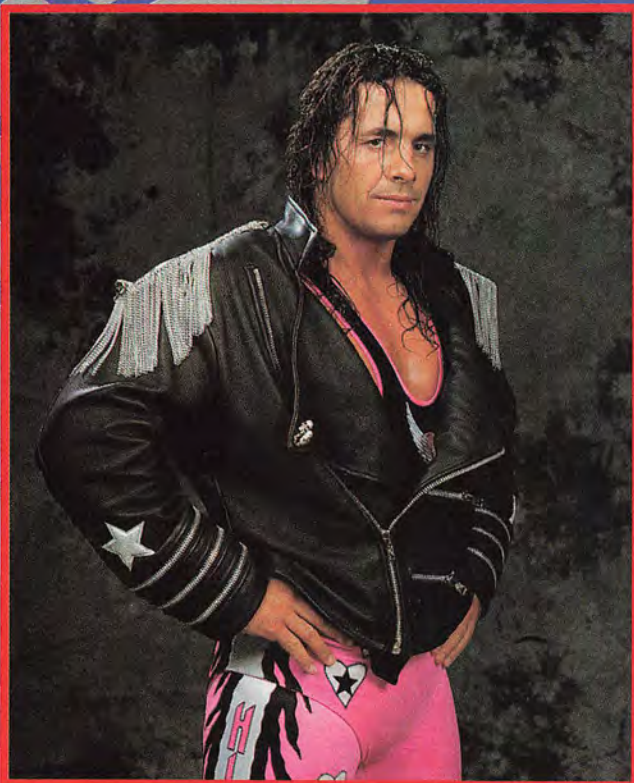
that much-anticipated remake of an old yuletide classic. No, this holiday extravaganza was playing live at Madison Square Garden. The name of this production: *The Massacre on 33rd Street!* Not even Psycho Bob's mother could have treated him this badly! What was supposed to be a holiday homecoming to the house that he helped build some 16 years ago turned out to be a nightmare that even Fabulous Freddy Krueger couldn't have dreamed of! The Emperor of the Old Guard had taken a wrong turn. Somehow he was greeted not by a Hit Man but by a full tank of **PREMIUM DIESEL!** There would be no Christmas for Mr. Backlund, and yes, Virginia, there is a Diesel.

I want to say that Big D shocked the world, for that cliché seems so appropriate here. As fitting as it may seem, it would be an outright lie! Diesel shocked no one. Once he was announced as a last-minute replacement for the injured Bret Hart, every fan at Madison Square Garden, including me, knew that Mr. Backlund was not leaving the Garden party with the gold. It was apparent as soon as he steered his 7-foot, 317-pound frame down the runway that on this night Diesel was braking for **NO ONE!**

At this point in the story I would ordinarily give you a detailed description of the







match; however, in this case **THERE WAS NO MATCH**. With thousands of fans screaming behind him, Diesel wasted no time in putting the pedal to the metal. One big boot, one Jackknife, one cover—and it was all over for the walking dictionary. In a mere eight seconds Mr. Backlund was put to rest in the city that never sleeps. The Word Man was erased.

An 11-year nightmare with only a 72-hour reprieve. Love or hate Mr. Vocabulary, it's sad. Backlund shocked the world at the Survivor Series. He was successful in defeating the two-time Federation Champion Bret Hart. Granted, without the chicanery of Owen, that match might still be going on today, as the determined Bret might have NEVER given into Backlund's wrenching hold. As I've stated before, all things aren't always fair in love and war. Some things we have no control over—and this was one of those things. In the end **MR. Backlund** was the victor!

However, this story isn't about the walking synonym. It's about Big Daddy Cool. On November 26, 1994, something special happened at Madison Square Garden—something that may have a lasting ramification on the World Wrestling Federation. Now, I'm not going to burden Diesel with the weight of the world on his massive shoulders; however, I see nothing but great accomplishments in the future of Big D, **BUT** nobody said it's going to be easy. Along the way the road may ride like New York's pothole-infested Belt Parkway for Mack's favorite son.

Even though you almost need to be Freud in order to successfully analyze the last week of November 1994, what it all comes down to is this: Right now, there is a traffic jam on top for the Federation Title. In my opinion, Backlund may be the first fatality. The chicken-wing is Backlund's greatest asset, and I can tell you right now he's going to have his hands full in applying it on Diesel. Never before has Backlund had to put the hold on a 7-foot giant. Can he? The law of gravity says he can't. However, this is the World Wrestling Federation, and stranger things have happened. I give Backlund all the credit in the world for what he's accomplished. Although he's been coloring outside the lines for some time now, he did exactly what he said he was going to do, and you can't take that away from him. However, in my opinion, his run may be over. If Backlund does find a way to somehow three-peat as champion, I will be the first to sprint to the nearest library and beg for a card.

Shawn Michaels. He's possibly the greatest athlete in the Federation today. However, can Shawn overcome the same odds that Davey did when he slayed Goliath? The fact is that Diesel is about a foot taller and 100 pounds heavier than the Heartbreak Kid. The difference in physical size, along with Diesel's being **EXTREMELY** upset with the Boy Toy, may be too much for Michaels to overcome. If Shawn put the **COOL** in Big Daddy, then Diesel may very well put the **BREAK** in the Heartbreak Kid.

The way I see it, there is only one man who can cause the champ to throw it into neutral: Bret Hart. Bret has something to prove, not only to the fans but to himself. He was upset by a man he knows he should have beaten, and that lives with him every day. In the end, Diesel may be the one to pay for it. Power for power, there is probably nobody who can outmuscle Big Daddy Cool, but on the other hand, a technical wrestler may be able to outwrestle him. Bret Hart may be that wrestler.

Whichever way the highway winds, I can guarantee you this: There's going to be a massive crash at the Sun Dome! **WF**

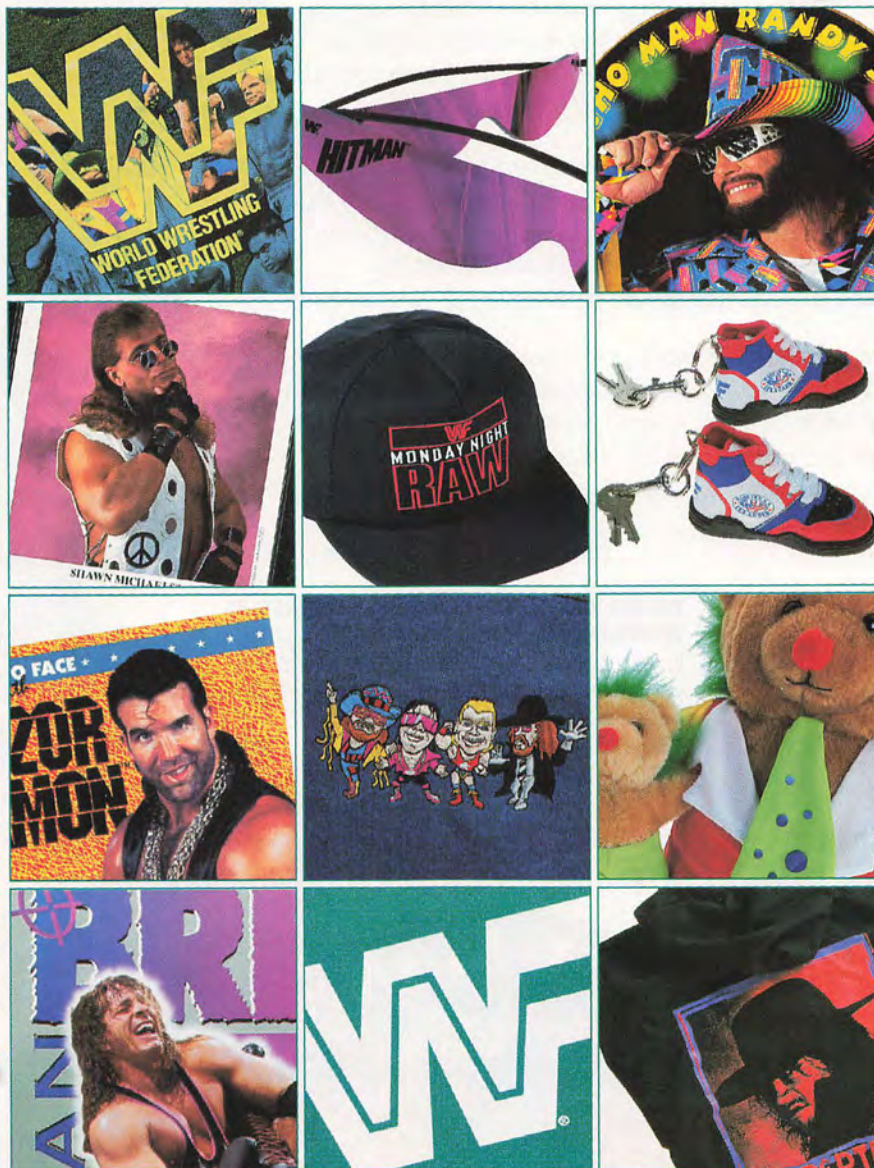




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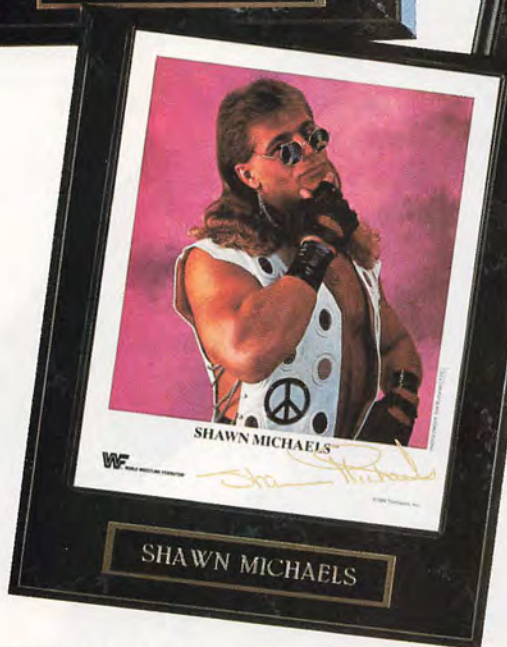
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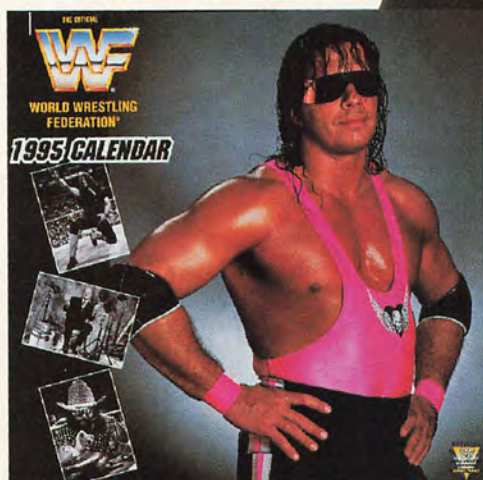


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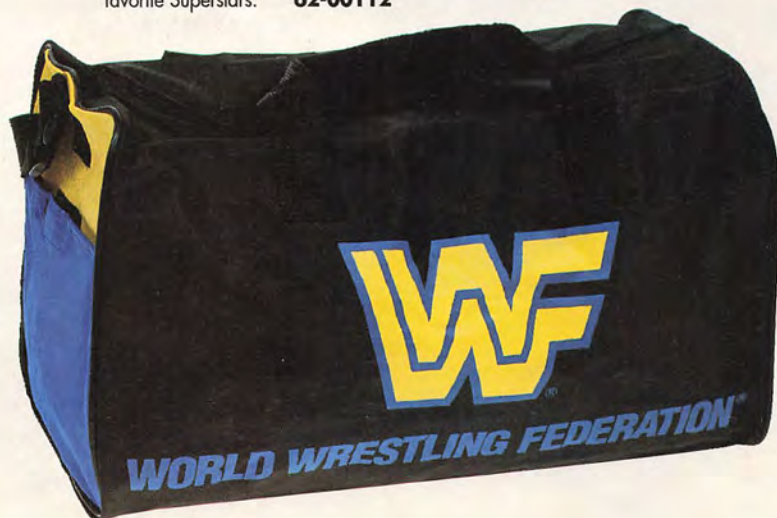


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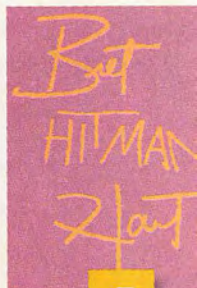


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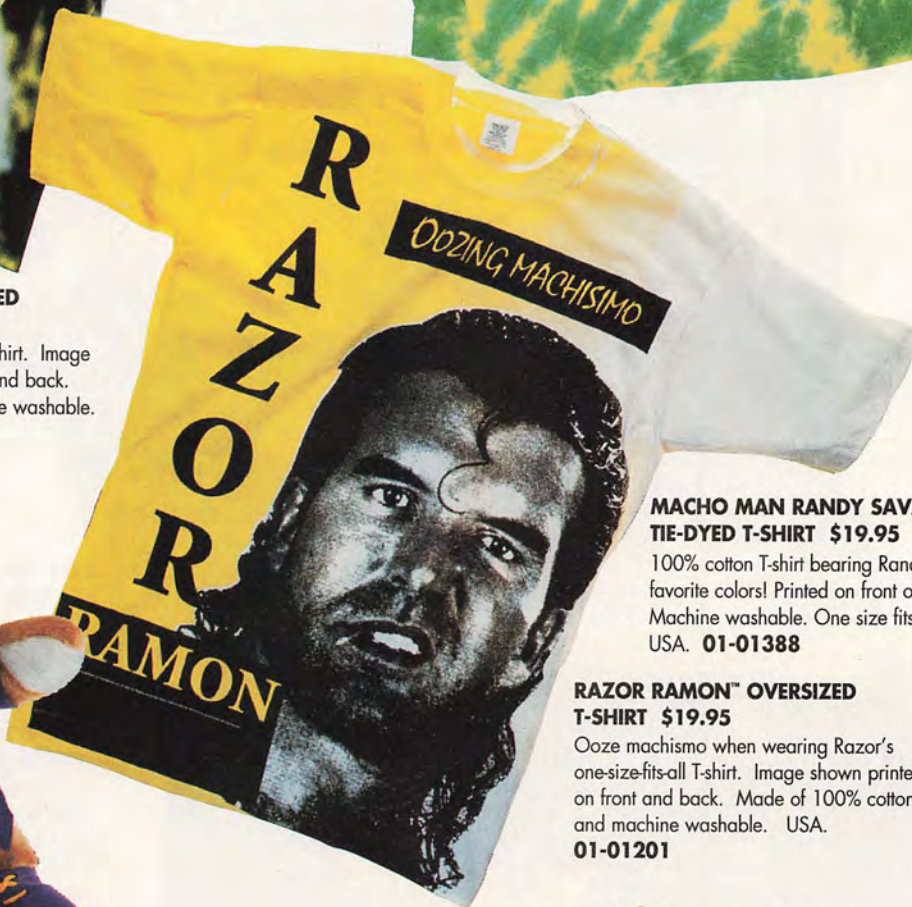
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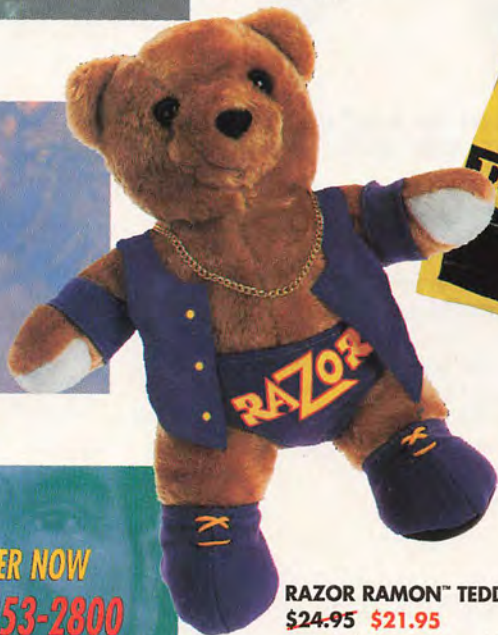
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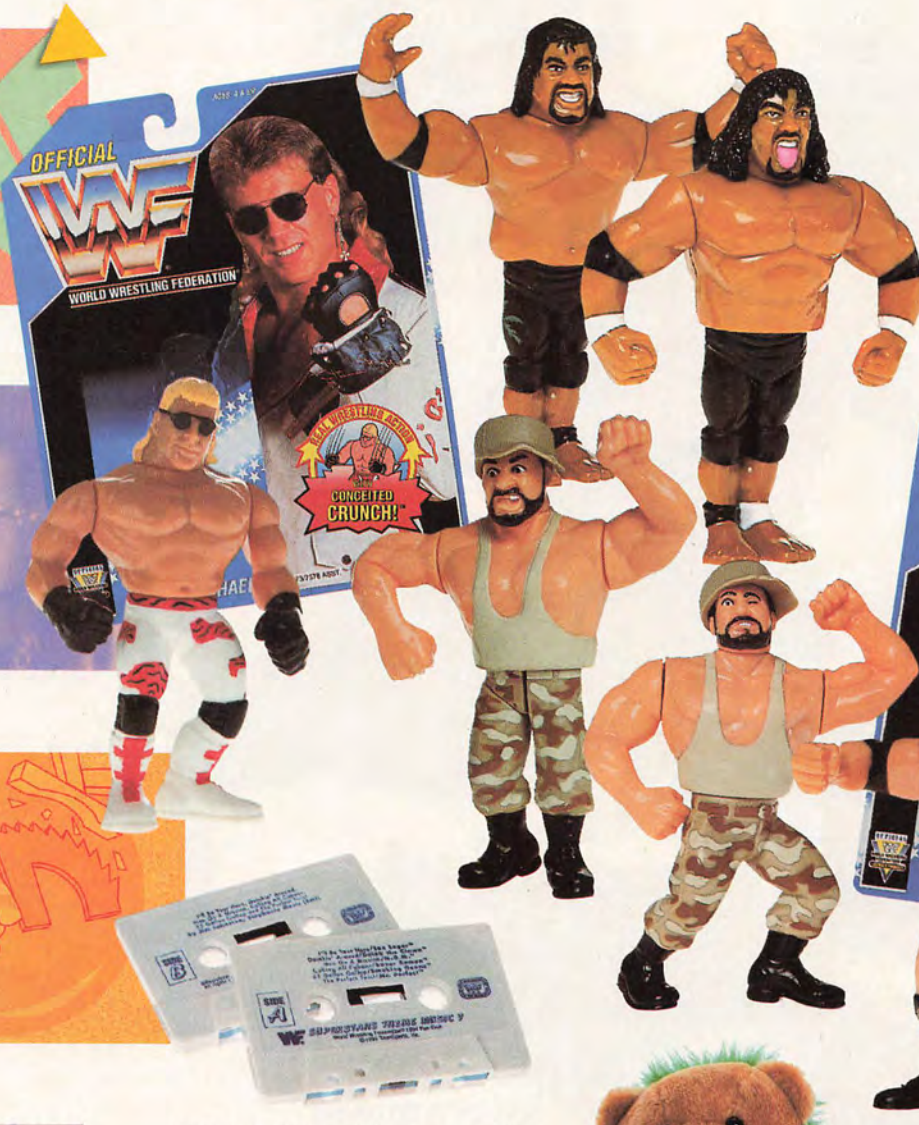
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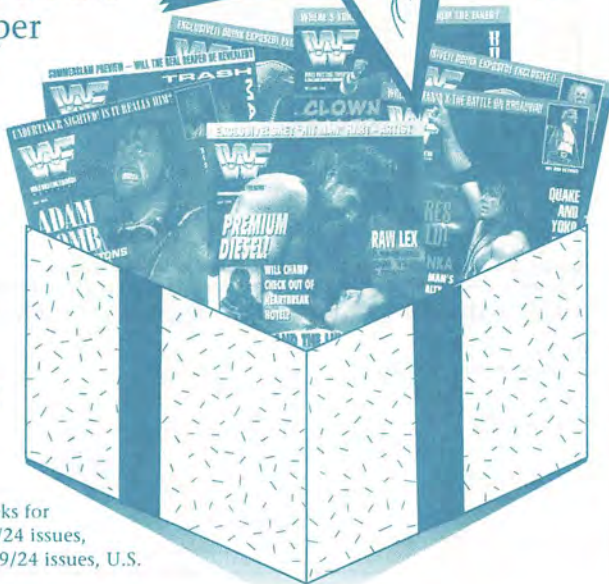


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# BOB BACKLUND:

As I reported in a guest editorial several issues ago, Bob Backlund was my childhood hero—a man who was of strong moral fiber, a man who never fretted about a challenge and who always gave his time to children of all ages.

I have seen Backlund wrestle on countless occasions on television—and perhaps even more at the New Haven Coliseum in Connecticut. Backlund's career, both on the amateur mat at North Dakota State University and on the professional canvas, inspired me in various ways. He was the epitome of a modern athlete. He was a wrestler's wrestler—a man who invented countermoves for almost every hold known to the squared circle.

But things have changed. Backlund has evolved—or, depending on what viewpoint you prefer, devolved—into a man who exudes not a passion for competition but a bitterness for life, an abhorrence for everything new in the world.

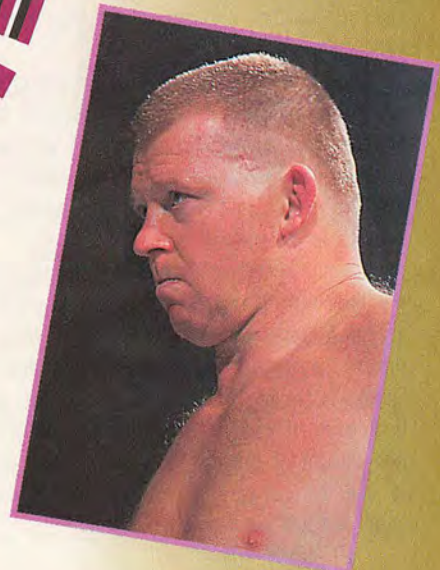
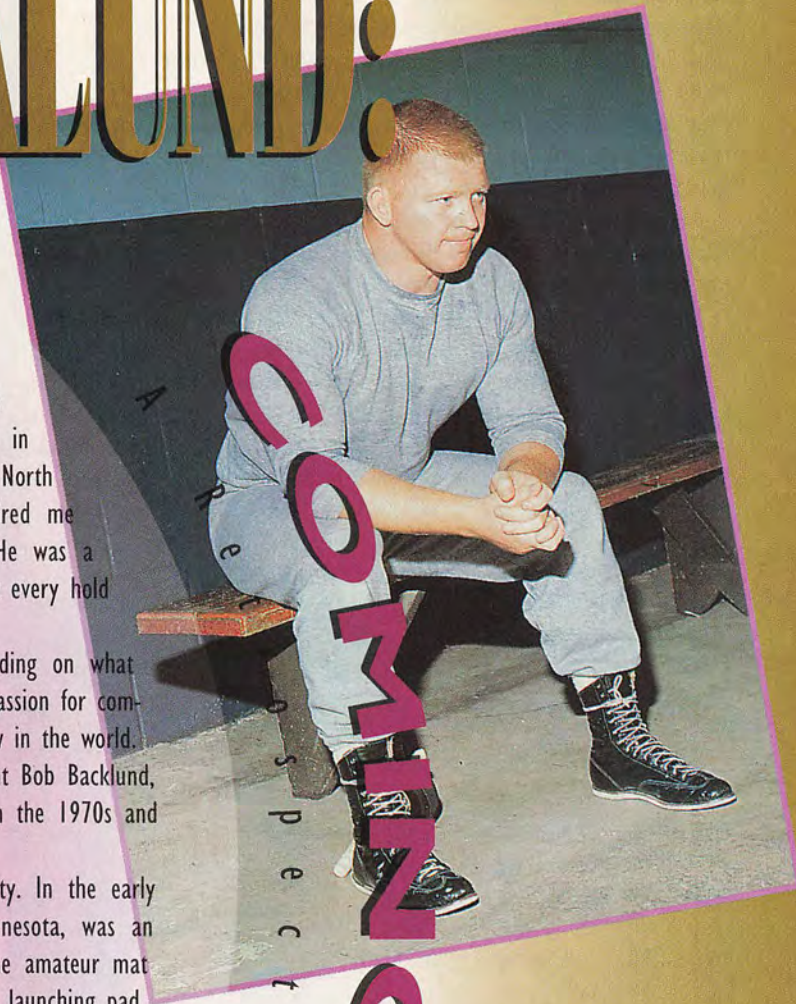
Maybe a glimpse at his career might shed light on the current Bob Backlund, the 1990s version of a man who meant so much to so many in the 1970s and 1980s when he was the World Wrestling Federation Champion.

Let's rekindle his glory days at North Dakota State University. In the early 1970s, Backlund, who was born and raised in Princeton, Minnesota, was an outstanding athlete in football and wrestling. However, it was the amateur mat that beckoned Backlund; he wanted to use the amateur mat as a launching pad to bigger and better things.

He did just that. In 1972, Backlund won the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) wrestling championships in his weight division.

His national fame garnered much attention, not only from respected people in academia but from the professional world. In fact, he caught the attentive eye of one Arnold Skaaland, who was probably the toughest man to ever lace up a pair of wrestling boots.

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Once he made his World Wrestling Federation debut, Backlund became an idol. His quickness and remarkable wrestling skills, both of which conspired to make Backlund a legend on the amateur mat, worked well for him between the ropes. He crushed one major superstar after another, often before capacity crowds in venues such as Madison Square Garden in New York City and the Civic Arena in Pittsburgh.

In February 1978, Backlund attained the greatest achievement of his career. He won the Federation Title in a match that I saw on television from the Garden. That was it. I, like so many other youngsters, was hooked on the World Wrestling Federation, and Backlund was THE reason!

In the years that followed, I watched Backlund defeat every superstar who entered the Federation. The best wrestlers of the era fell before Backlund. On television, I watched Backlund outwrestle such competitors as the Golden Terror, Big Bobby Duncum, Mr. Fuji and former Olympic weightlifting medalist Ken Patera. In New Haven, I saw Backlund battle wrestlers such as Pat Patterson and Ray "The Crippler" Stevens in memorable matches, one of which ended (via double count-out) when Backlund trapped Patterson in a figure-four leglock on the timekeeper's table.

In 1980, I was privileged to watch segments of matches that took place at Shea Stadium in Flushing, New York. Nearly 43,000 fans converged on the home of the Mets and witnessed history in the making as Backlund and Pedro Morales beat the Wild Samoans for the Tag Team Championship.

It was a beautiful picture, but policy wouldn't allow it to flourish. To that end, then-Federation President Willie Gilzenborg ordered Backlund to relinquish one of his belts because Federation bylaws state that "no one athlete can hold two championships at one time." With Morales' consent, Backlund surrendered the tag team belt and focused on his singles career.

Backlund would enjoy two more years of prosperity and prominence in the World Wrestling Federation, beating one superstar after another. He probably would have continued to do so had he not wrestled the Iron Sheik in December 1983, a match that would be the turning point for wrestling as the world knew it.

It was a fateful night. Although Backlund (who entered the bout with a severe neck injury) wrestled brilliantly against his opponent, it wasn't enough. While Backlund suffered under the strain of the Sheik's dreaded Camel Clutch, Golden Boy Arnold Skaaland—a man who shared in so many of Backlund's triumphs over the years, a man who thought of Backlund as a son—threw in the towel to end the carnage. It was done with Backlund's health and best interests in mind.

I nearly cried

that night. My heart was broken; my hero, although it took me a number of months to come to terms with the emotion, had been beaten.

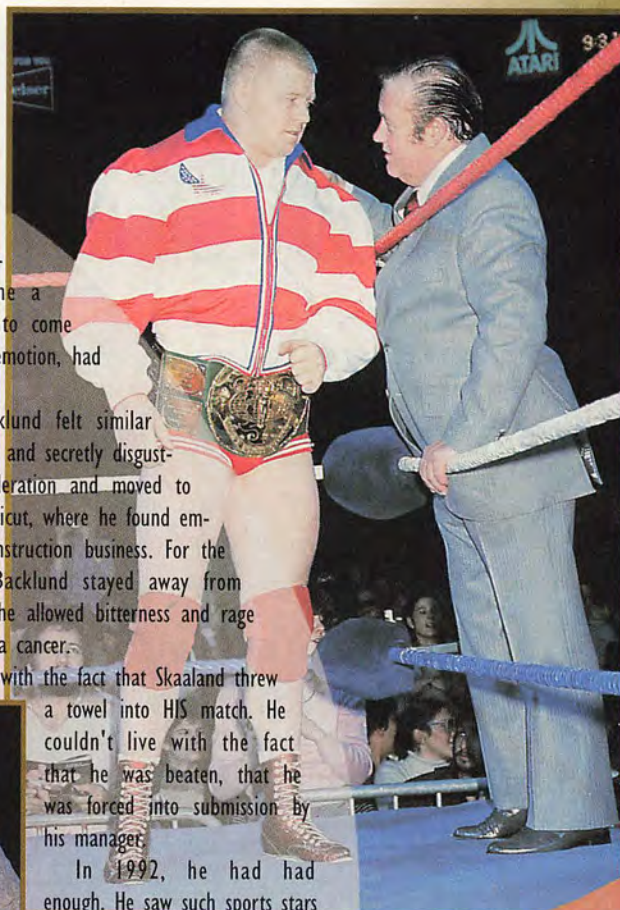
Apparently Backlund felt similar emotions. Distraught and secretly disgusted, he left the Federation and moved to Glastonbury, Connecticut, where he found employment in the construction business. For the next nine years, Backlund stayed away from wrestling. However, he allowed bitterness and rage to fester inside like a cancer.

He couldn't live with the fact that Skaaland threw a towel into HIS match. He couldn't live with the fact that he was beaten, that he was forced into submission by his manager.

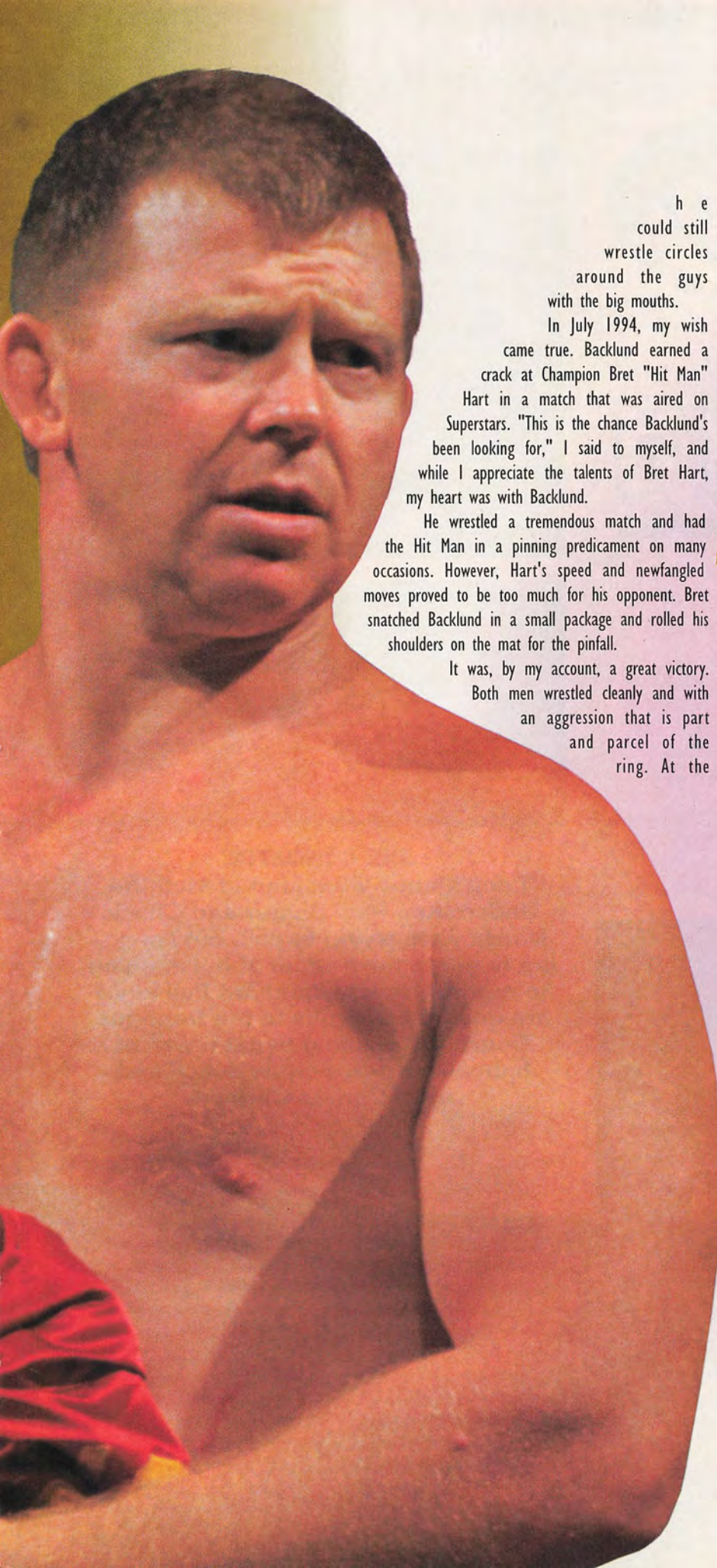
In 1992, he had had enough. He saw such sports stars as George Foreman and realized that comebacks are a natural cycle in sport, that no great athlete can just walk away from his profession. Thus, at age 43, Backlund valiantly re-entered the Federation and began competing against a New Generation of superstars.

At first, he didn't allow his bitterness to overwhelm him. In fact, Backlund was quite popular with the fans and wrestled with marginal success against superstars such as Adam Bomb and Razor Ramon. However, he wasn't winning on a regular basis, and he wasn't receiving the title shots he felt he deserved.

By early 1994, many within the Federation, including fellow wrestlers, believed Backlund's best days were behind him. I heard similar scuttlebutt in the locker rooms and couldn't swallow it. Backlund was still my hero, and I felt that







he could still wrestle circles around the guys with the big mouths.

In July 1994, my wish came true. Backlund earned a crack at Champion Bret "Hit Man" Hart in a match that was aired on Superstars. "This is the chance Backlund's been looking for," I said to myself, and while I appreciate the talents of Bret Hart, my heart was with Backlund.

He wrestled a tremendous match and had the Hit Man in a pinning predicament on many occasions. However, Hart's speed and newfangled moves proved to be too much for his opponent. Bret snatched Backlund in a small package and rolled his shoulders on the mat for the pinfall.

It was, by my account, a great victory.

Both men wrestled cleanly and with an aggression that is part and parcel of the ring. At the



same time, I was saddened to realize that Backlund's one shot at glory had been in vain. I figured he would quit wrestling for good.

What I didn't figure was Backlund's transformation after the match. Backlund went to shake Bret's hand and blasted him with a slap in the face. Stunned, Bret staggered backward, enabling Backlund to fasten the cross-face chicken-wing on the Hit Man.

I couldn't believe what I had seen. This wasn't the Bob Backlund I knew; this wasn't the Bob Backlund who was my hero—my idol. This was just a jealous man, a bitter man bent by society, twisted by his past, and it all came out of him.

In the months that followed, Backlund has become progressively worse. He has ambushed many people, wrestlers and otherwise, for no apparant reason and without provocation. He has snapped. I have suffered the effects of his chicken-wing. Others, such as the Hit Man and Lex Luger, have been attacked, and even former opponent Pat Patterson and manager/father-figure Golden Boy Arnie Skaaland were jumped and injured.

It has been sickening to see a man such as Backlund fall apart. It has been worse for me because there is truth to the phrase that "heroes never die; they just fade away..." **WF**







# RESULTS

BY KEITH ELLIOT GREENBERG

Fearing interference in this final casket match—won only when one combatant leaves in a coffin—Undertaker's manager Paul Bearer asked for a referee with a passion for law and order: movie star and martial arts expert Chuck Norris. Between the guest official and Yokozuna's documented fear of pine boxes, Bearer was confident about the final outcome.

It was no secret that Yokozuna was terrified of his adversary—and the casket he'd wheeled to ringside—and Undertaker exploited this. At the outset of the match, the humongous former sumo wrestler attempted to flee his ghoulish foe and ended up thrown onto the coffin lid, then smashed head-first onto the ring-side steps.

Undertaker next be-



"It's time to meet your Taker..."



## JIM CORNETTE

"I don't know what kind of stuff the Undertaker, Paul Bearer and Chuck Norris were trying to pull, but I'm going to get to the bottom of it. I'm going to rectify this situation! Mr. Fuji and I are going to take this to the Supreme Court! We're going to get a writ of habeas corpus, corpus delicti and even Corpus Christi!"

witched his opponent by walking across the top rope before lowering an elbow onto Yokozuna's shoulder. The momentum was soon to shift, however; as the Undertaker charged his rival, Yokozuna snatched his opponent's body and forcefully crashed it into the mat. Following a series of headbutts that seemed to knock out the Undertaker, Yokozuna rolled him to the coffin but couldn't

quite get him into it.

Yokozuna didn't give up. After chokeslamming and kneedropping his foe, the Asiatic menace again tried to roll Undertaker into the casket. This time, the Pale Warrior actually sank into the box. Before the lid could be closed, he grabbed it, forced it open and pulled Yokozuna into the coffin, where the exchange of blows continued.

In the squared circle,



# The Final Casket Match

## The Undertaker vs Yokozuna

With special guest referee: Chuck Norris



Yokozuna revived himself, punishing Undertaker by grinding his neck into the middle rope, pounding him with fists and whipping him into the corner, but Undertaker shot back at his foe

with a clothesline, then climbed to the top rope, flew up toward the heavens and sliced a forearm across the enormous Far Easterner's neck.

Yokozuna hit the mat, ready for the morgue. As

### PAUL BEARER

"Ohhh, yesss! My Undertaker has put an end to the reign of Yokozuna—FOREVER! He stuffed him in the casket the way he said he would! As for Mr. Schyster, ohhh, what a smart man he is. He came up from behind my Undertaker and behind Chuck Norris, something we didn't expect, but he'll pay—we promise you that! There's death, and there's taxes, but in the end, DEATH will prevail! OHHH, YESSS!"

close the lid, however, the Undertaker reached out and grabbed him by the throat.

Once again, another one of Yokozuna's allies attempted to intervene—this time it was Jeff Jarrett. Unfortunately for Double J, things didn't go as planned, as he was sent to the floor by a karate kick courtesy of Chuck Norris.

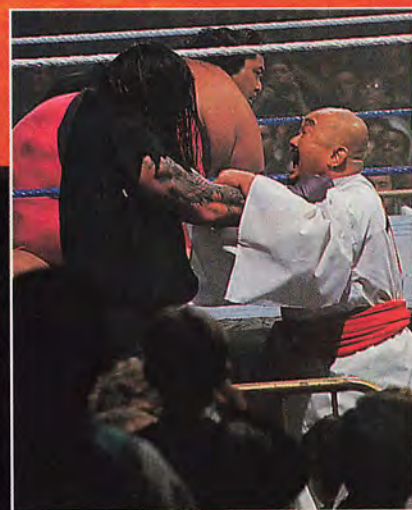
Meanwhile, Undertaker flattened his foe with a flying clothesline followed by a staggering DDT. As Yokozuna rose and wobbled, Undertaker greeted him with a big foot, sending him sailing into the box. Realizing that the burial was now all but official, Undertaker swiped Mr. Fuji's Japanese flag, snapped it in half over his knee, hurled it into the coffin and shut the lid, re-establishing himself as one of the World Wrestling Federation's most dominating figures today.



Undertaker folded his opponent's arms across his chest, King Kong Bundy paraded down the aisle. Chuck Norris stood tall, blocking the path. Bam

Bam Bigelow walked up to Bundy in the faceoff. Still, Norris would not back down.

Suddenly, from the other side of the ring, IRS jumped the Man from the Dark Side and slammed Undertaker's head into the turnbuckle. Then he trapped him in a sleeperhold and deposited him in the coffin. As the Taxman retreated through the crowd, Yokozuna regained consciousness and lumbered toward the casket. Before he could





Bob Backlund never got over the day he lost the World Wrestling Federation Championship in 1984. With his body stretched back in the Iron Sheik's camel clutch, Backlund appeared in jeopardy of sustaining a

serious injury. To save the champion, his manager threw in the towel, ending a reign that began in 1978.

Bret Hart personified the New Generation, which Backlund felt represented an age of self-glorification. Backlund came

into the **Survivor Series** committed to win back the Federation Title the way he lost it—via submission.

Bret's younger brother Owen Hart was in Backlund's corner in case the towel had to be thrown in again. The Hit Man was seconded by his brother-in-law British Bulldog Davey Boy Smith.

toehold and came close to applying the perilous cross-face chicken-wing until Hart narrowly slipped out of the hold. When Backlund tried the move once again, Bret twisted and took his adversary down to the mat with a stunning suplex.

At 45 years old, Backlund seemed vulnerable.

### OWEN HART

**"There is a new World Wrestling Federation Champion, and his name is Mr. Bob Backlund."**



### BRITISH BULLDOG

**"I did the best that I could, and I don't feel I let Bret down. The towel did not get thrown in by the British Bulldog—it would never have been thrown in by the British Bulldog."**

The match started out as a technical one. Hart scooped, slammed and hiptossed the former champion. A forceful arm-drag pitched Backlund out of the ring. Backlund re-torted with a reverse drop

The Hit Man positioned the challenger for the Sharpshooter, but Backlund kicked the champion away. Bret then clamped on a figure-four.

At ringside, Owen then crossed his arms, refusing





# Sharpshooter vs Chicken-Wing for Federation Title

## Bret "Hit Man" Hart vs Bob Backlund



### BOB BACKLUND

"Even though I've been the champion since 1978, it was wonderful for me to prove something to all of society tonight. I want to pasteurize society. I want to synchronize it. I'm going to have nothing but axioms for this society."

to throw in the towel. It was a wise choice, as Backlund soon managed to reverse the hold. Now all of the pressure was put on Davey Boy to throw in the towel.

Shockingly, the Hit Man was able to reverse the maneuver once again. Backlund clutched the ropes to free himself but was clearly immobilized.

Backlund stunned the capacity crowd by then rebounding with a piledriver, but Bret wiggled out of a subsequent chicken-wing try. Backlund continued the offensive with a swinging neckbreaker before clamping on the sleeper.

The Hit Man soon rallied and went for his celebrated Sharpshooter.

Owen tried to interfere, but the Bulldog ran after him. Somehow during the chase Owen managed to climb into ring, smash his brother from behind and slide back to ringside. There, Bulldog lunged for Owen, but he dodged, and Smith crashed into the steel steps, knocking himself out. Meanwhile, Backlund had snared Bret in the dreaded chicken-wing.

Davey Boy was in no



shape to throw in the towel, and Owen was worried about it. Bret's condition was deteriorating by the second. Although Bret was barely conscious, he refused to surrender. At ringside, the entire Hart family looked on in fear. Even Owen appeared teary-eyed and concerned for brother's health.

Unable to awaken the Bulldog, a sobbing Owen dropped to his knees in front of his parents. "I didn't mean for this to happen," Owen blubbered. "That's my brother. Can't you do something?"

Bret's mother, Helen, broke into tears as Owen's pleas continued. Finally,

the younger Hart led Helen and her husband, Stu, to the side of the ring. "Throw in the towel," Owen urged, handing the object to Helen. Just as she cocked back her arm, Stu pulled the towel away.

Still, Hit Man refused to

give in and quit.

Owen continued his begging. Stu looked to the ring, now seriously concerned about permanent injury to his superstar son. In the confusion, Helen—acting on a mother's instincts—yanked the towel from her husband and tossed it in.

Owen instantly turned off his crocodile tears, snatched the towel and rushed back toward the dressing room.

Eleven years after losing the World Wrestling Federation Championship Belt, Bob Backlund was again the champion.





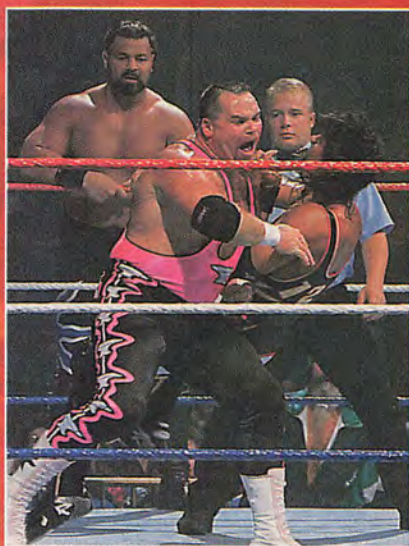
The Bad Guys

# Razor Ramon, The British Bulldog, 1-2-3 Kid and The Head Shrinkers

vs

The Teamsters

# Double J, Owen Hart, Jim Neidhart, Shawn Michaels & Diesel



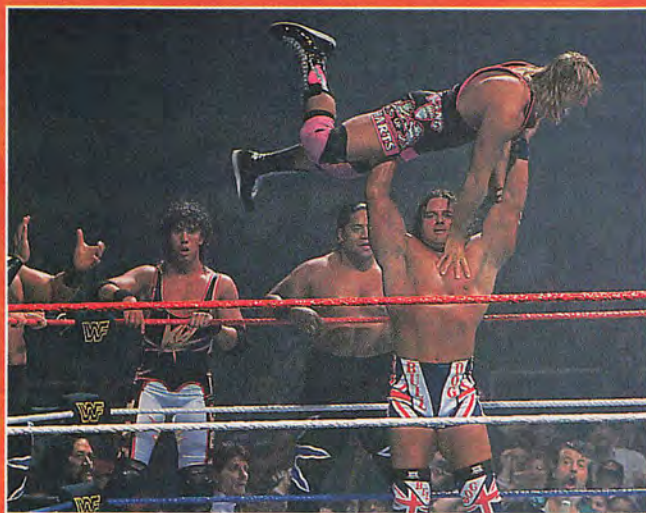
From the outset, it appeared that Shawn's strategy was to make Diesel—his World Wrestling Federation tag team co-titlist—do all the work, while the Heartbreak Kid

**SHAWN MICHAELS**

**"Shawn Michaels carries EVERYONE! They turn on me like rabid dogs! They're ungrateful, good-for-nothing leeches! Who was Diesel before he met me? Had you ever heard of him? NO! NEVER! Shawn Michaels made him! Shawn Michaels put the COOL in Big Daddy! "**

gave the orders from his comfortable spot on the ring apron. It was symptomatic of the unequal relationship between the teammates, and—as the night wore on—Diesel realized it. By the end of the night, the alliance was all but finished.

The first elimination came compliments of Big Daddy Cool. With Michaels urging him on, Diesel cut down Fatu with a clothesline, delivered the mighty Jack-



knife and scored the pin.

The 1-2-3 Kid tagged in and bravely went after the 7-foot-tall aggressor. It was a foolish choice. After the deadly Jackknife, Big Daddy Cool simply had to plant a foot on his opponent's chest to get the three-count.

In Seone, Diesel appeared to be matched with a wrestler of comparable brawn, but appearances can be deceiving. The rugged Polynesian also quickly fell to the Jackknife.

Davey Boy Smith tried

his luck—and Diesel knocked him out of the ring, where he was counted out on the arena floor.

Razor Ramon was the only member of his team left. He tried to capitalize on Diesel's distraction, but a schoolboy attempt didn't work. Neither did a bulldog headlock from the second rope.

Diesel found a way to regain the upper hand and Jackknifed Ramon before tagging Michaels.

Michaels next asked his teammate to set up Razor. Diesel complied,

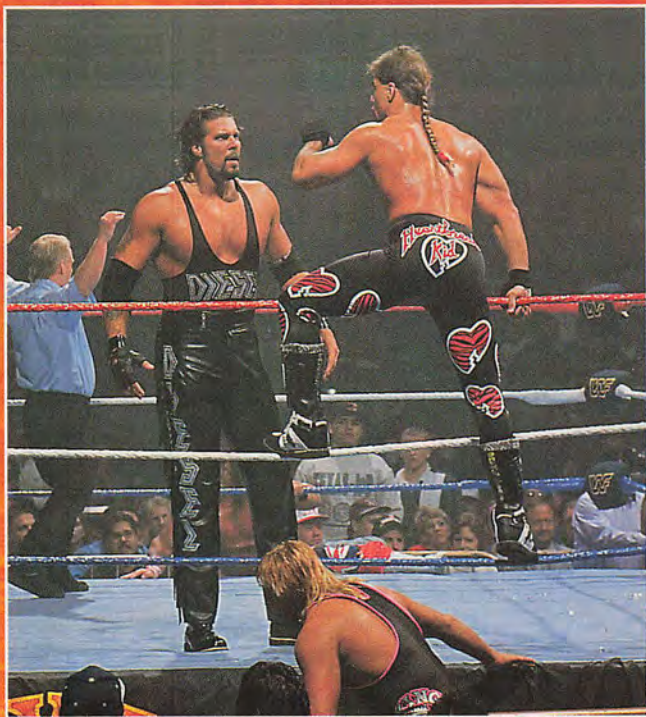
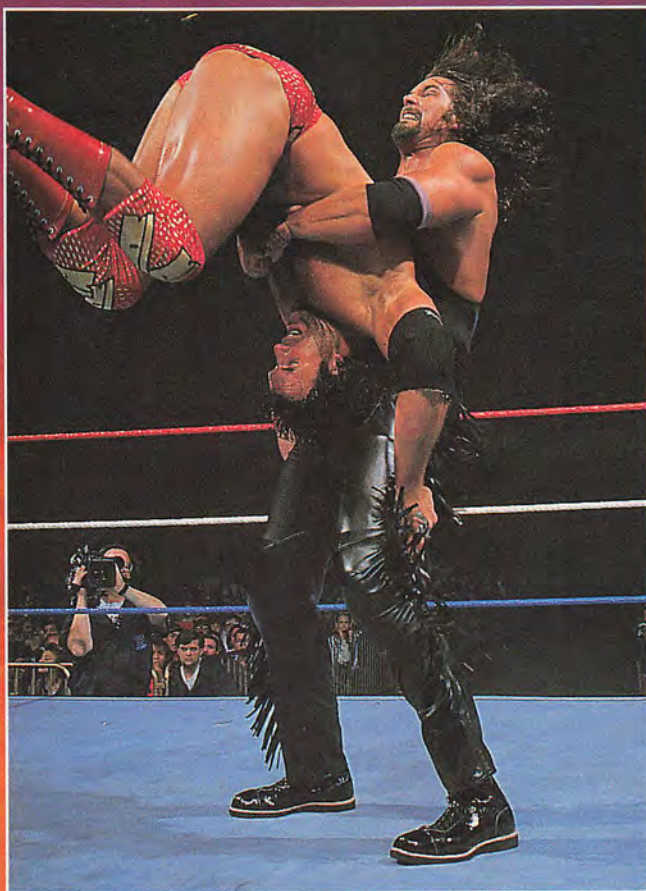




was nailed instead.

Diesel quickly recovered from the blow, but he wasn't very happy. He advanced on Shawn, forcing the other members of the Teamsters to separate the pair. Diesel cast them aside and continued to pursue the Heartbreak Kid down the aisle. Every time one of the other partners got in the way, Diesel hurled him away.

Meanwhile, Razor sat on the canvas, not quite



### DIESEL

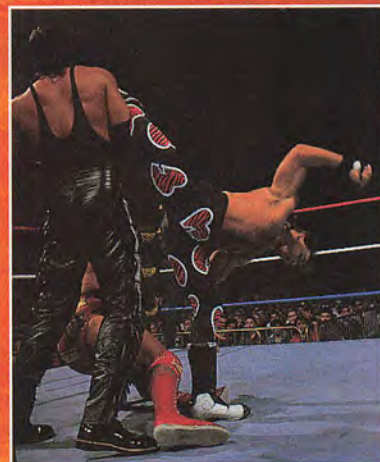
"I was tying up with Razor and taking a beating until I finally came on strong. After I caught him with the Jackknife, Shawn was screaming, 'Tag me in,' so I tagged him in. I then hooked Razor, and BOOM—he kicks me in the face. That was the third time. Three strikes and you're out! You know, I do owe Shawn Michaels a lot...especially a good back-alley beating!"

lifting Ramon by the hair. Shawn backed up a few paces, then came at the roguish Latino with a side kick. Suddenly, Ramon moved, and Diesel

sure what was occurring, but his adversaries were nowhere near the ring. So preoccupied were the Teamsters with negotiating a truce between the

Federation Tag Team Champions that the referee counted out the entire squad.

Razor Ramon, who moments before was a 5-1 underdog, ended up with a **Survivor Series** win, and Michaels wasn't going to stick around to hear his tag team co-titlist's reaction. He raced out to his limousine and left the arena—pausing briefly to brand Diesel an "ingrate" and a "zero."





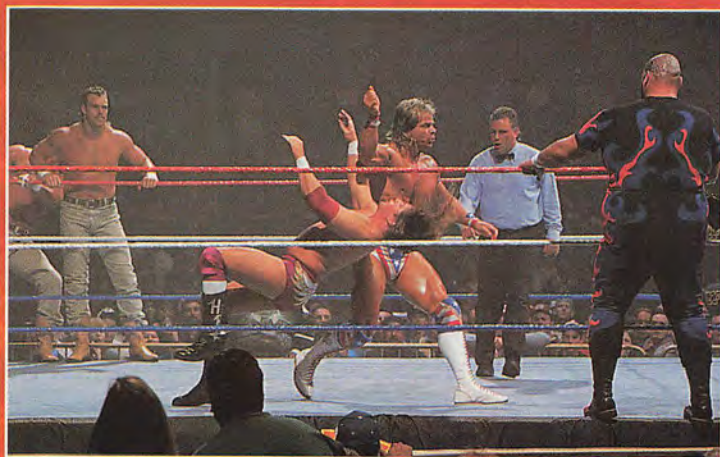
Guts and Glory

## Lex Luger, Smoking Gunns, Mabel and Adam Bomb

vs

The Million Dollar Team

## Tatanka, Heavenly Bodies, King Kong Bundy & Bam Bam Bigelow



Lex Luger was the center focus of this match. The All-American was surely the man the fans came to cheer—and his enemies came to mug.

Luger's former friend—and subsequent hated

rival—Tatanka was the first wrestler to try his luck with the All-American, surprising him with a kick to the mid-section followed by a suplex.

Luger quickly rose and drove Tatanka's head into

**TED DIBIASE**  
"You think people stop and listen to E.F. Hutton? Well, they had better stop and listen to me! When the Million Dollar Man says something, you can bank on it!"



the mat. As Tatanka sailed through the ropes after a clothesline, several of his teammates charged at Luger. All ended up on their backs.

When Luger wasn't in, his partners were causing billion dollar headaches for the Million Dollar Team. Mabel eliminated Heavenly Body Tom Prichard.

When King Kong Bundy tagged in, Mabel could now pick on somebody his own size. The two went shoulderblock for shoulderblock until Mabel overturned the chrome-domed behemoth. When Bundy tagged out to Bigelow,

the immense newcomer swiftly received a spinning kick to his face.

The maneuver only seemed to fuel his resolve to conquer Mabel.







The immense rapper then charged at Bam Bam with a clothesline, but Bigelow held onto his foe, and the two of them tumbled over the top rope. Mabel struck his head on the guardrail and was counted out.

Adam Bomb seemed to have better luck with Bam Bam, slingshotting himself off the ring apron to gain a knockdown. But as Bomb ran the ropes,

came angry, overpowering Del Rey with a series of moves culminating in a flying tackle and a pin.

The Smoking Gunns now tried to pool their resources against Tatanka, and Tatanka's defensive talents were crucial here. When Bart tried a crucifix, his foe transformed the move into his own—the End of the Trail—and got the duke.

Billy picked up where his brother left off. He and Lex took turns on Tatanka, keeping him in their corner and wearing him down. Realizing that he was fading fast, Tatanka went to his corner for some help from his team.

It came in the form of King Kong Bundy. After sustaining a brief spurt by Billy, Bundy crushed his opponent for the pin.

Luger was now left



match, getting a win for the Corporation.

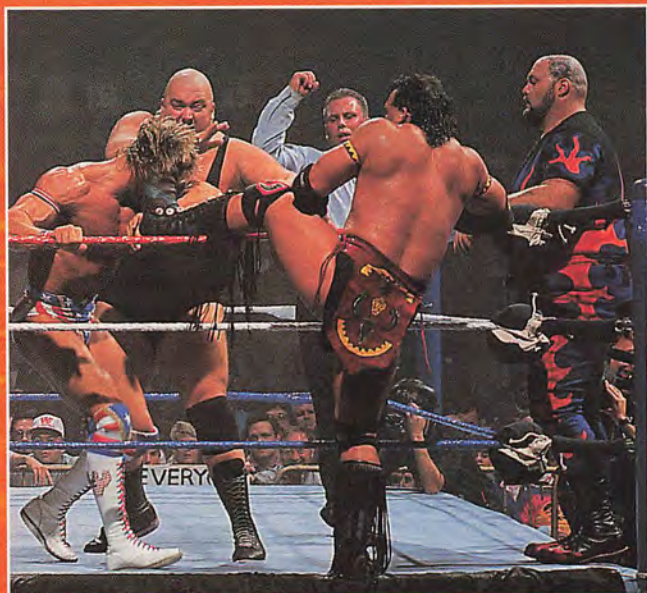
With all of Luger's partners gone, DiBiase ordered the Million Dol-

to the ring to clean house and to tend to their exhausted partner.

For one frightening moment, it appeared

### LEX LUGER

**"I think our team did really well tonight. Those guys fought their hearts out! We were out there to prove that money doesn't buy everything, and I don't think money bought that match tonight. The war between me and the Million Dollar Team is far from over!"**



Bundy reached over the turnbuckles and clotheslined him from behind. This allowed Bigelow to execute a bulldog headlock and eliminate Bomb.

Feeling overconfident, Heavenly Body Jimmy Del Rey challenged Lex Luger one-on-one. Del Rey impressed the mat-watchers with a beautifully administered thrust kick, but then Luger be-

alone with Tatanka. Bundy and Bigelow. Tatanka came in to powerslam his opponent and elbowdrop him three consecutive times, but Luger reached down, cradled Tatanka and scored a stunning pin.

There was no time for congratulations because Bundy pounced on Lex and eliminated him from the **Survivor Series**

lar Team to finish off the All-American. Tatanka delivered the End of the Trail, and Bam Bam executed a headbutt.

At this point, the Smoking Gunns, Adam Bomb and Mabel rushed

Luger would not be able to get up from the mat without assistance. With the cries of the fans echoing in his ears, Lex Luger rose to acknowledge the crowd, content in the moral triumph.





Clowns Are Us  
**Doink, Dink, Pink and Wink**  
 vs  
 The Royal Family  
**Jerry "The King" Lawler, Queazy, Cheezey and Sleazey**



The **Survivor Series** was anything but regal for the King.

At the bell, Lawler immediately locked up with his nemesis Doink, who surprised the King with a crescent kick to the head. When Lawler tried the same move, Doink

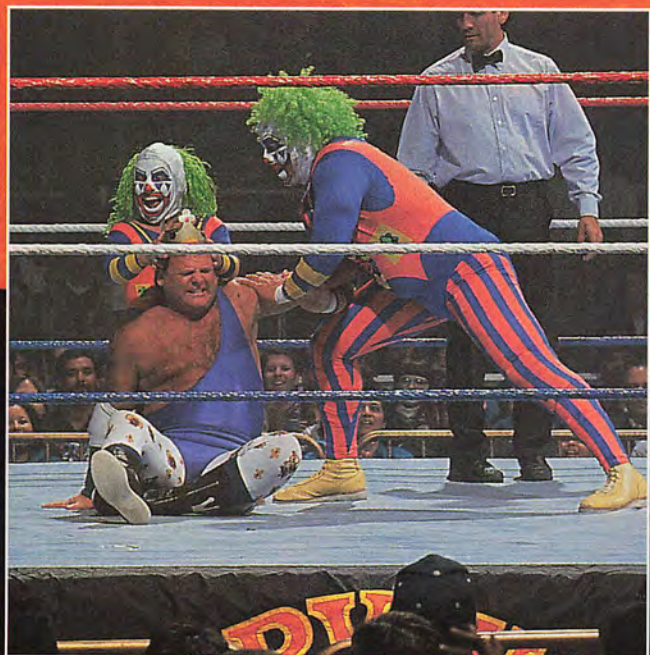
ducked—and the so-called monarch went soaring face-first into the canvas. To add to the humiliation, the smaller members of the Clowns Are Us team sprinted across Lawler's stomach. In an attempt to gain their share of revenge, the mini



kings followed, naively stampeding all across the team captain's mid-section in the process.

For his next trick, Doink launched Dink

onto his shoulders and challenged the King to a chicken fight. Lawler hoped to shift the battle in his squad's favor by hopping onto Sleazey's







shoulders, but the weight of the full-size wrestler was too much, and both toppled to the mat.

Still, Lawler's crafty mind never failed him. When Doink came at him with a flying bodypress, Lawler quickly grabbed the clown's tights, flipped him over and was able to score the pin.

Suddenly, the exuberant mood was over.

Clowns Are Us was at a severe disadvantage without the team leader. Lawler reached through the ropes and helped Queazy pin Wink. Then the King slammed Cheezey on top of Pink, who went down for the next pinfall.

Dink—the most experienced of the midgets—tried his best to squeak out a victory. He unload-

ed on Cheezey, Sleazey and Queazy, mounted the ropes and tied up Sleazey after a flying

victory. When they responded defiantly, Lawler started chasing them around ringside.



bodypress, but while the official was distracted, Queazy flipped his teammate on top of Dink. The referee counted to three, and the Royal Family's arms were raised.

Despite his teammates' contributions, Lawler couldn't contain his contempt for little people. After the match, he berated his partners, claiming that they'd done nothing at all to earn the

What he didn't realize was that the three midgets on the other team had hidden under the ring after their respective eliminations. United, the six short people went after Lawler as he high-tailed it for the showers. Before he could reach the dressing room curtain, Doink surprised him with a Thanksgiving gift—a pumpkin pie to the face. **WF**



## JERRY LAWLER

"You would think that on the night of the greatest victory of my life—a win at the **Survivor Series** where I single-handedly beat three midgets and their head clown—I would be able to enjoy the victory, **BUT NO!** Because of my little moronic kings not knowing who was the true King—which was me—they turn on me! I can't believe it! I made three winners out of three losers, and they turn on me? What a bunch of lowly ingrates!"



# WHY THE COWBOY HAS THE EDGE OVER RAZOR



The Hot Shot. Cocky, arrogant, conceited, presumptuous, pompous and egotistical. The person we all love to hate. The pretty-boy shooting guard on our high school basketball team. The college football captain who caused the hearts of all of those delicious sorority girls to swoon. The top-selling, fast-talking salesman at a car dealership. Neon

Deion Sanders. That one moron whom we would love to see get knocked off his high 'n' mighty perch. To many people, that one pretentious individual would be Double J Jeff Jarrett.

It started the first day you ever saw him on Federation television and has been esca-

lating ever since. It all began with the Silly Stringing of Dink, was followed by the King of the Ring kabonging of the 1-2-3 Kid, was topped by the stunning summer upset over the humongous Mabel, was brought to a greater height with the release of "Ain't I Great" and finally exploded through the roof

with his world renowned tour of Las Vegas, Nevada. My, oh my, how you would love to see this cowboy get his booty whipped!

As you know from previous articles that I've written, my job as editor of this magazine is not to make friends. Whether I am liked or disliked means abso-





lutely nothing to me. Remember, I am the same editor who proclaimed Yokozuna the greatest Federation Champion of all time (a statement that I still strongly believe). My main objective is to bring readers the truth, as ugly as it may sometimes be. And this time, it's SIDESHOW ugly!

Jeff Jarrett is your next World Wrestling

Ducks somehow, somehow, find a way to knock off a team of overbearing world-class hockey players.

This story will be based on reality. It will concern a worn-down Intercontinental Champion who has lost his edge to a hungrier, healthier and a much more determined competitor.

Here they come—the letters. Let them come, let them flow,

sel, Shawn Michaels, they all had their shot at the Bad Guy. However, part of his "I'll wrestle anybody, anytime, anyplace, chico" philosophy is what may cost him his title in the long run.

The fact is, Razor Ramon is a beaten warrior. Encounters such as the ladder epic co-starring Shawn Michaels at WrestleMania X have oozed the health out of the Beaten

time. His blossoming career is on the rise, while Razor may very well be standing on his last leg. Jarrett's speed, agility, strength and brains will prove to be overwhelming for Razor Ramon, especially a BROKEN Razor Ramon. As the Rhinestone Cowboy oozes confidence, Razor longs for Hillary's health care reform.

The Intercontinental Belt is there for the taking, and Ol' Double J smells it. Right now, he's hungrier than the Slimfast-drinking Tommy Lasorda, and it's just a matter of time before his appetite will be curbed. Double J is going to prove once and for all to those doubting English muffins that he is—in fact—GREAT!

There's going to be a new Intercontinental Champion in town, chico, and his name is J E DOUBLE-F J A DOUBLE-R E DOUBLE-T. **W**

Federation Intercontinental Champion.

Unfortunately, Razor Ramon is not going to be the one to knock the swaggering blond voice box off his self-assuming high horse. As Double J would say, "NO SIRREE, BOB!" This story will not turn out to be a Tinseltown fairy tale in which a bunch of fumbling, bumbling

because I'll be returning all of them to sender when my prediction becomes a reality. My Nostradamic vision has nothing to do with the ability of Razor Ramon. He has no doubt been a great champion. Not only hasn't he ducked anybody during his title reign, but he's welcomed all challengers with open arms. Yokozuna, Die-

Guy. At times I've seen him gimp around the locker room like a pirate with a peg leg sporting a charley horse. His battles have left their scars on him, thus leaving the door wide open for a young, fresh, HEALTHY stallion like—you guessed it—Jeff Jarrett to strip him of his gold.

Double J is catching Razor at a prime



# MILLION DOLLAR

## DIBIASE SET UP TUNNEY

**BY LOU GIANFRIDDO**

In last month's issue of *World Wrestling Federation Magazine*, we reported and

provided photographs on a clandestine meeting between Federation President Jack Tunney and the Million Dollar Man

Ted DiBiase. The photos, which were taken outside the Westchester County Center in White Plains, New York, were of Tunney



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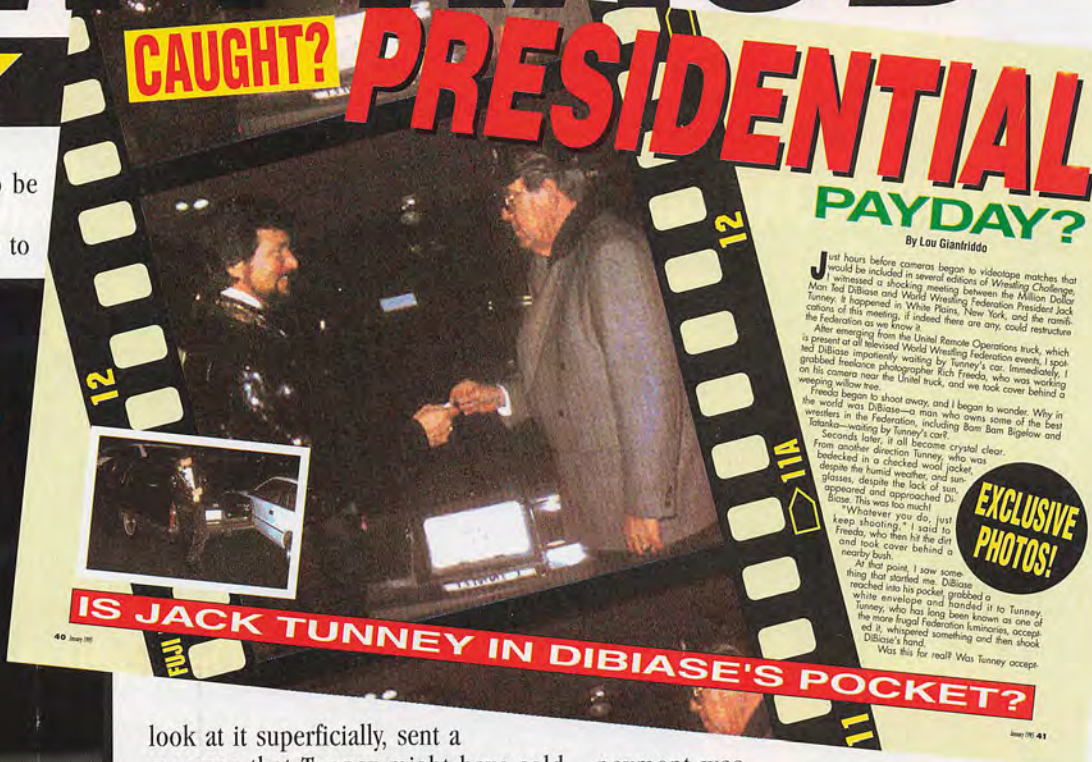
# DOLLAR FRAUD

## TUNNEY

### CAUGHT? PRESIDENTIAL PAYDAY?

accepting what appeared to be cash from Mr. Money Bags.

The meeting, if one were to



By Lou Giantriddo

Just hours before cameras began to videotape matches that would be included in several editions of *Wrestling Challenge*, I witnessed a shocking meeting between the Million Dollar Man Ted Dibiase and World Wrestling Federation President Jack Tunney. It happened in White Plains, New York, and the ramifications of this meeting, if indeed there are any, could restructure the Federation as we know it.

After emerging from the United Remote Operations truck, which is present at all televised World Wrestling Federation events, I spotted Dibiase impatiently waiting by Tunney's car. Immediately, I grabbed freelance photographer Rich Freeda, who was working on his camera near the United truck, and we took cover behind a weeping willow tree.

Freeda began to shoot away, and I began to wonder. Why in the world was Dibiase—a man who owns some of the best talent in the Federation, including Bam Bam Bigelow and

Second City, if it all became crystal clear. From another direction Tunney, who was dressed in a checked wool jacket, despite the humid weather, and sunglasses, despite the lack of sun, appeared and approached Dibiase. This was too much!

"Whatever you do, just keep shooting," I said to Freeda, who then hit the dirt and took cover behind a nearby bush.

At that point, I saw something that startled me. Dibiase reached into his pocket, grabbed a white envelope and handed it to Tunney, who has long been known as one of the more frugal Federation limousines, accepted it, whispered something and then shook Dibiase's hand.

Was this for real? Was Tunney accepting payment was not in any way for Tunney's personal gain.

In fact, within hours Tunney had deposited the money in an accredited bank where said funds could be drawn by the powers-that-be within the hierarchy of the World Wrestling Federation.

As far as Tunney's attire—he was wearing a wool overcoat and sunglasses—there was a very reasonable explanation, as if any of us indeed needs one.

"I was sick that particular week," he told this magazine. "I flew into New York from northern Ontario, Canada, and the change in climate affected me the wrong way. Furthermore, I was suffering from pinkeye, and my doctor recommended that I wear sunglasses whenever I was outdoors to protect the retina."

We believe Tunney. In all his years as Federation president, he has always been truthful and beyond reproach. The Million Dollar Man, knowing of the president's respectable reputation, went out of his way to besmirch him, hoping that such an incident would diminish the public's trust in Tunney.

Unfortunately for Dibiase, we didn't buy it. **WF**

look at it superficially, sent a message that Tunney might have sold out—the implications of which would have sent the entire World Wrestling Federation into an uncontrollable tailspin. Apparently, when we got down to brass tacks, this was DiBiase's aim.

But this magazine hasn't become the official voice of the New Generation by relying on superficial stories devoid of solid evidence. We dug into the story. We tracked down Tunney and pressed him with the issues at hand. We did all we could to ensure that you receive the story from several different viewpoints instead of from only one.

The fact is that freelance photographer Rich Freeda was bought off by the Million Dollar Man. That's right. DiBiase lined Freeda's pockets with cash, bundles and bundles of cash, and demanded that he shoot photographs of his meeting with Tunney. The sole intention of the photos was, of course, designed to try to destroy Tunney's reputation.

As it turned out, DiBiase was summoned by Tunney in order to pay a fine on behalf of his corrupt corporation. Sure, money was exchanged, but the purpose of this was for business, strictly business. The

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# ROYAL RUMBLE®

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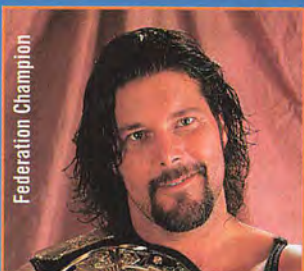
## The Winter Sizzler!

By Lou Gianfriddo

In just a matter of a few short weeks, the World Wrestling Federation's eighth annual *Royal Rumble* will explode from the Sun Dome, which is located on the campus of the University of South Florida in Tampa, Sunday, January 22. This year's *Royal Rumble* promises to have all the makings of becoming an intense barn-burner, and it is sure to be the pay-per-view event that sets the winter air afire. Some of the greatest World Wrestling Federation superstars ever assembled will be on hand in Tampa, Florida, for what should undoubtedly be a hotly contested extravaganza from start to finish.

Federation Title Match

### Diesel vs Bret "Hit Man" Hart



Since defeating Bob Backlund for the Federation Championship at Madison Square Garden last November, the Federation Champion, the awesome Diesel, has been erasing the competition. It appears he won't rest until he conquers the Federation one man at a time.

Certainly, Diesel has all the tools to make it happen. He stands close to 7 feet tall and tips the scales at 300-plus pounds. He polishes off his opponents with the Jackknife powerbomb, a move that has taken its toll on scores of top stars.

However, Bret Hart is unlike any other great athlete. He's a wrestler's wrestler, able to counter almost any maneuver



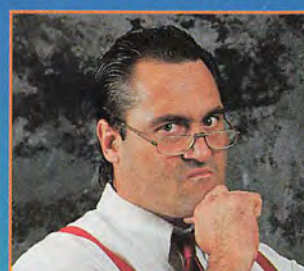
known to the ring. The Hit Man, who has been sidelined since his match against Backlund at the *Survivor Series*, is on the comeback trail, and he is determined to win the Federation Belt for a third time.

This title match will be a classic test between two of the greatest athletes in the Federation, with not only gold, but their respective careers, at stake.

### The Undertaker vs IRS



The differences between the Undertaker and Irwin R. Schyster—who is also known as IRS—will come to a bitter end at the *Royal Rumble*. The seeds of this feud were planted this past fall on the Federation Television Network, in a match where the Taxman repossessed the casket of one John Dough—a man who allegedly did not pay his fair share of



taxes while he was alive.

When this battle takes place on January 22, says the Undertaker's manager, Paul Bearer, IRS will be the one who will be forced to pay for his past and present actions. Bearer says that the Undertaker has been walking around in a virtual comatose state these days and that he is bent on burying the Taxman once and for all.

### Tag Team Tournament Finals To Determine The Tag Team Championship

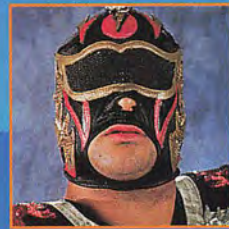
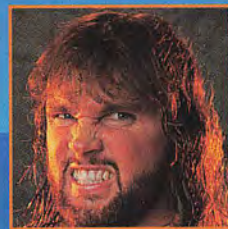
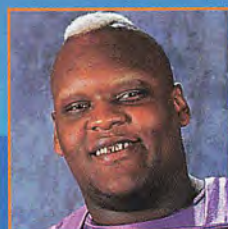
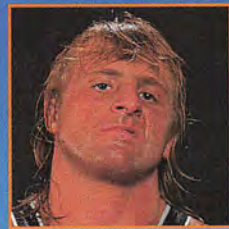
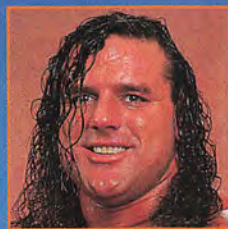
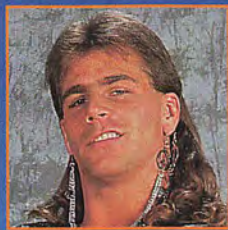
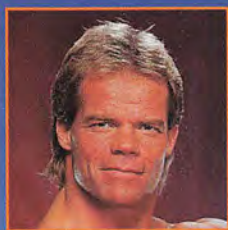
The finals of the World Wrestling Federation Tag Team Tournament will be decided at the *Royal Rumble*. The tournament, if you recall, began in December after Shawn Michaels and

former partner/archenemy Diesel surrendered the Tag Team Belts to Federation officials.

As of press time, it is anyone's guess as to which team will crawl from the *Royal Rumble*'s wreckage with the championship belts around their waists. The only guarantee is that the battle to do so will blow your mind!



# THE 30-MAN ROYAL RUMBLE



(Note: Because of the World Wrestling Federation Tag Team Tournament, officials have only released the names of athletes who are locked to appear in the battle royal. As more and more teams are eliminated from the televised competition, more superstars will be added to the list.)

Some of the best superstars are gearing up for the *Royal Rumble* battle royal, a match in which friends and partnerships are shunned—even discouraged—in the name of competition. Thus far, an impressive array of superstars have penned their

names on the dotted line, including Lex Luger, who is a man of incredible wrestling talent and a man who was a semi-finalist in last year's donnybrook. He says he's shooting for "the whole ball of wax" this year.

Joining—or, more appropriately, gunning after—Luger will be such tremendous competitors as Tatanka, the Heartbreak Kid Shawn Michaels, Doink the Clown and former two-time World Wrestling Federation Champion Mr. Bob Backlund.

Newcomers Aldo Montoya—the Man-O-War from Portugal—

and H.O.G.—Henry Orpheus Godwinn—are also signed to compete. This match, should they provide a formidable showing, could do wonders for their blossoming careers. The veterans will also be in the thick of things on January 22. Superstars such as the British Bulldog, Jim "The Anvil" Neidhart and the King of Harts Owen Hart will all appear well-armed for combat duties at the *Royal Rumble*.

Rounding out the list—the list at press time, that is—are the monsters in the World Wrestling Federation. Rappin' Mabel—all

503 pounds of him—has signed, as have 444-pound King Kong Bundy and 300-pounders Duke "The Dumpster" Droese and Adam Bomb, in addition to Kwang, who may not be quite as big and burly as the others but is every bit as dangerous.

There will be others, of course, but this is all the information *World Wrestling Federation Magazine* has at the present time. For more details, keep abreast of the *Royal Rumble Report*, which can be seen on the Federation Television Network each week.

Intercontinental Championship Match

## Razor Ramon vs Jeff Jarrett

The Intercontinental Title will be on the line as titleholder Razor Ramon meets Double J Jeff Jarrett. Double J is confident he will overcome the Bad Guy. Jarrett, to be fair, does have the necessary skills to get the job done. He is a second

generation wrestler with precise maneuvers. He is also well-versed in skulduggery. Double J will probably resort to similar chicanery come the *Rumble*.

But Razor is ready for any trick that Double J may have tucked under his five-gallon hat.

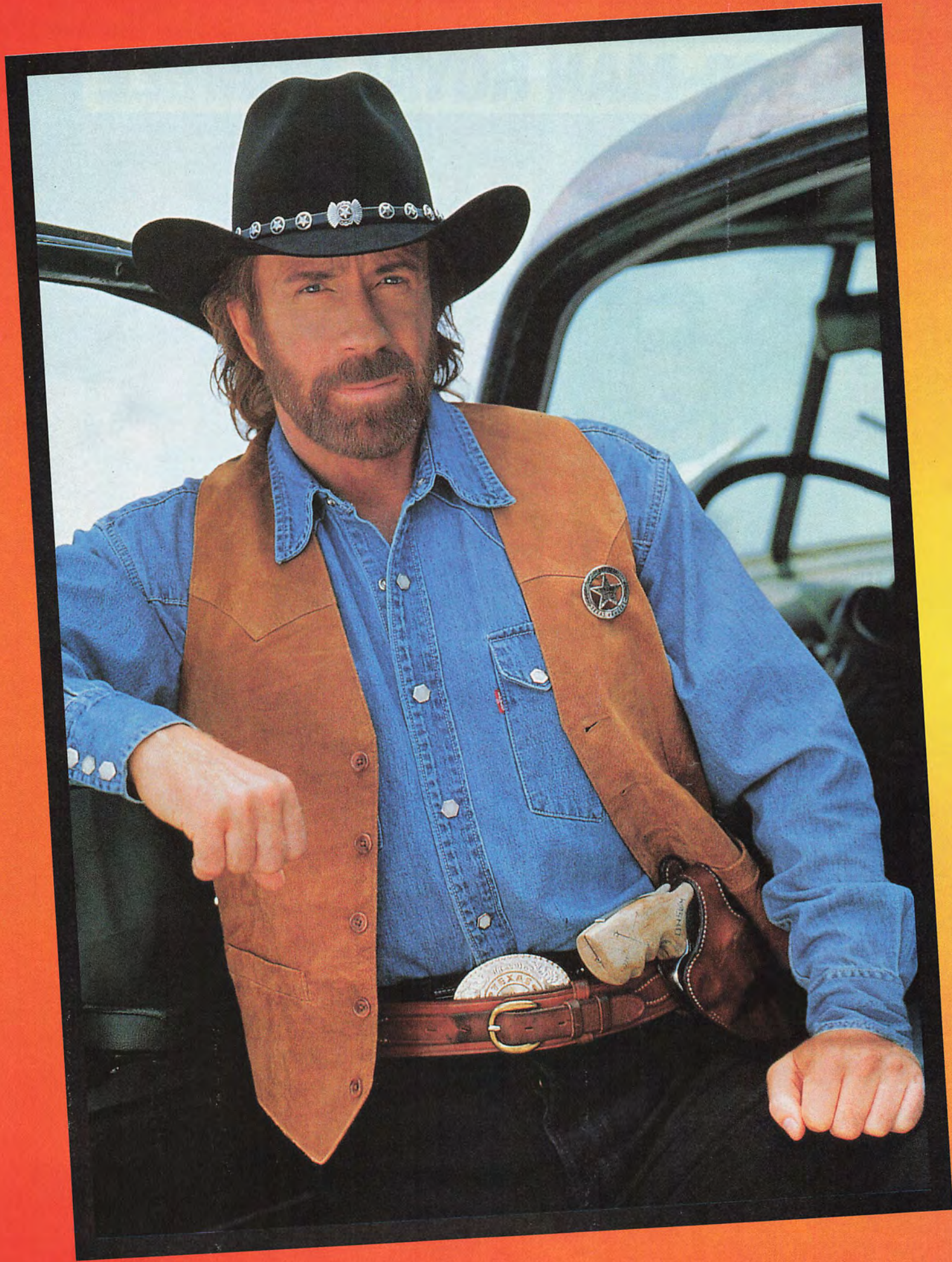


Razor says he knows Double J inside out and is itching to teach the creator of the *Ain't I Great*



CD a street-fighting lesson he will long remember after their *Royal Rumble* showdown. **WF**







# INTERVIEWS

## FOR

# CHUCK NORRIS

**I** What are your personal views about the athletes in the World Wrestling Federation?

I've known wrestlers for over 25 years. A lot of my best friends are wrestlers. I've watched wrestling since the Olympics in Los Angeles back in the '60s. I think they are some of the greatest athletes around.

**II** How would you compare martial artists with professional wrestlers?

I think it's the dedication to what you do. They're both well-conditioned athletes striving to be the best that they can be. I believe martial artists and professional wrestlers are very similar.

**III** If Chuck Norris were to get in the ring with a 500-pound Yokozuna, what do you think the outcome would be?

(Laughing) I don't want

to even think about it.

**IIII** Can you tell the wrestling fans out there a little bit about your current hit series on CBS—*Walker, Texas Ranger*?

*Walker, Texas Ranger* is a family show. Action-oriented, but not violence-oriented. A show that I think has heart. The show deals with a Texas ranger who believes in justice and fights hard against injustice, but at the same time there's a compassionate side to him. The show has a lot of humor, a lot of relationships, and right now it's the top-rated show on Saturday night, so I'm very grateful for that.

**UHT** How is doing a television series different from shooting a movie?

Well, to give you an example, I just finished a film last summer called *Top Dog* that will be coming out in May. It took me eight weeks to shoot this hour-and-a-half movie. I do a one-hour episode of *Walker*

in one week. So you can see that the pace on television is much tougher. We average 15 to 16 hours a day for seven days in order to shoot an hour episode.

**UHT I** Was it difficult for you to make the transition from movies to television?

Yes, it was. I was used to doing two pages of dialogue in a film, and now I'm doing 11 pages in a series. So, yes, it was a tough transition.

**UHT II** Which do you prefer?

(Laughing) If my series weren't doing well, I would say that film is the way to go, but with my series doing so well, it's hard to say. What's great about a television series is that you're with the same people for nine months out of the year, so you develop more of a relationship and a family orientation. My co-stars and I are very, very close. With a film, you work eight weeks and then you're gone, so you never really have the

time to establish a close relationship with the people you work with.

**UHT III** Out of all the great movies that you've done, which one is your personal favorite?

Each one has its own merits, but I guess the one I really like is *Sidekicks*, mainly because it deals philosophically with the martial arts. It shows what the martial arts or any athletic endeavor can do. *Sidekicks* was about a boy who was asthmatic and had very low self-esteem, but through the martial arts he was able to raise that self-esteem. I have a foundation called Kick Drugs Out of America. That's what my purpose is with that foundation: to raise the self-esteem of the youngsters and to instill the discipline and respect that kids are lacking today that, in turn, will get them on a positive path. *Sidekicks* had a lot of that in it.

**UHT IIII** What other projects do you have coming up in

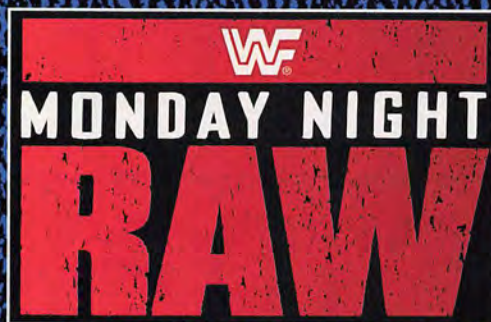
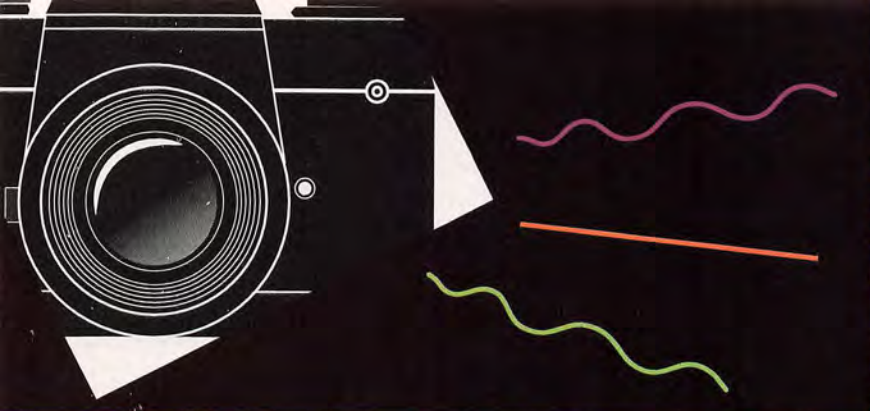
the future to which we can look forward?

*Top Dog* is a movie that I did last summer in which I play a cop in San Diego, who's forced to take on a partner—this partner winds up to be a dog. A big ol' shaggy dog that doesn't even look like a canine. In the beginning he doesn't like me, and I don't like him. He wants to be the boss, and I want to be the boss. It has a lot of humor. Again, it's family-oriented, and I think it's a movie that everyone will enjoy. It will be coming out in May.

**UHT UHT** One last question. Rumor has it that Chuck Norris may be interested in becoming a full-time professional wrestler. Is that statement true?

(Laughing) Well, I don't think so. *Walker, Texas Ranger* takes up all of my time. I do wrestle though. I work out with a lot of wrestlers down in Dallas. That's part of my training regimen. But I don't think that I would want to get in the ring with Yokozuna or the Undertaker. **WF**





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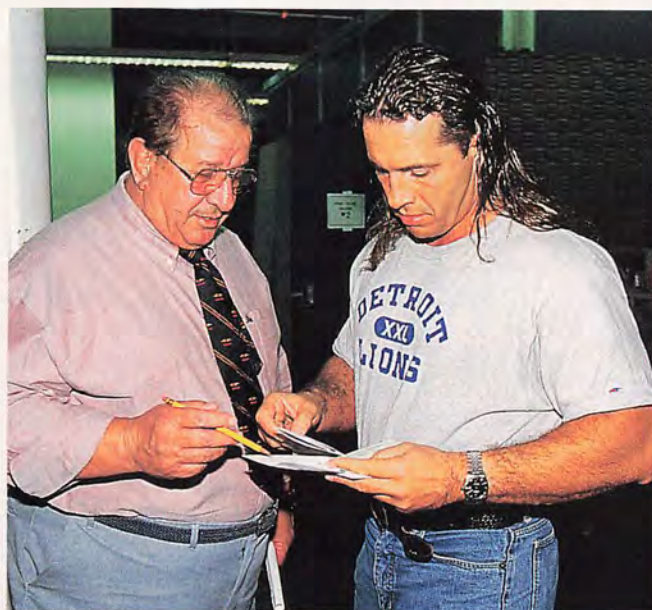
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PHOTOS BY JIM SULLEY



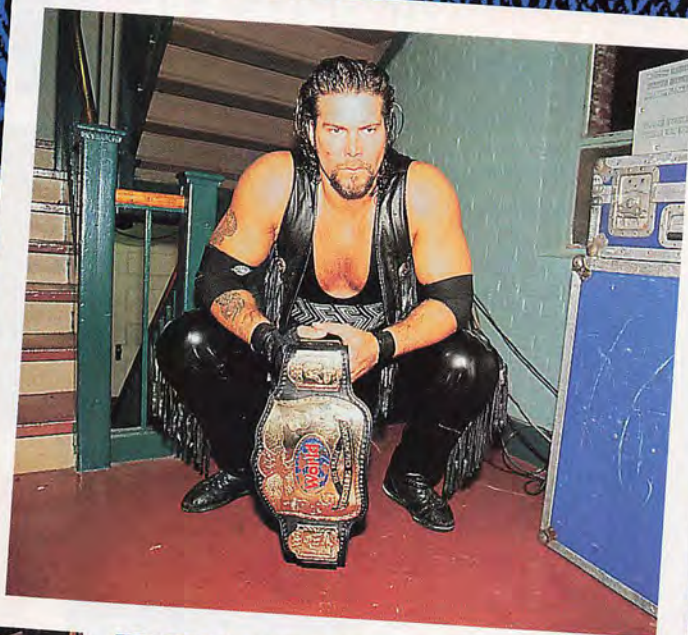
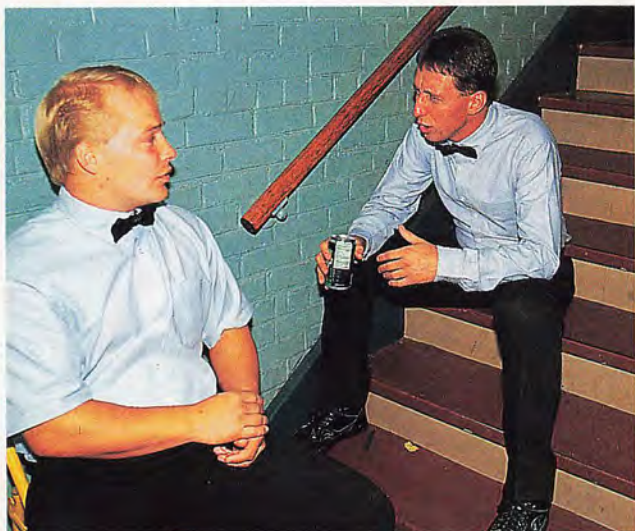
Every Monday evening, millions of World Wrestling Federation fans tune in to the USA Cable Network—"America's Favorite Network"—and watch the action and excitement generated by Federation superstars on Monday Night Raw. Raw, Private Eye has discovered, is one of the highest-rated television programs in its time slot on USA and is considered a favorite by all who watch the Federation Television Network.

Although Raw cameras sometimes take you into the locker rooms for exclusive interviews, fans rarely have been privy to the whole operation as it happens—a look at everything and everyone, from the audio personnel to the top superstars in the Federation and points beyond. Until now.





**Monday Night Raw, which is one of the most highly rated programs in the history of the USA Network, is a World Wrestling Federation telecast that is dubbed "uncut, unedited and uncensored." Now, thanks to Private Eye, Raw has been "uncovered!"**



World Wrestling Federation Magazine roamed the surroundings of Monday Night Raw during an event in Burlington, Vermont, last October. Photographer Jim Sulley—or "Sulley boy" as he is known to his business associates and friends—snapped some impressive photos, most of which revealed the superstars, luminaries, officials and technical personnel interacting in a way never before witnessed.

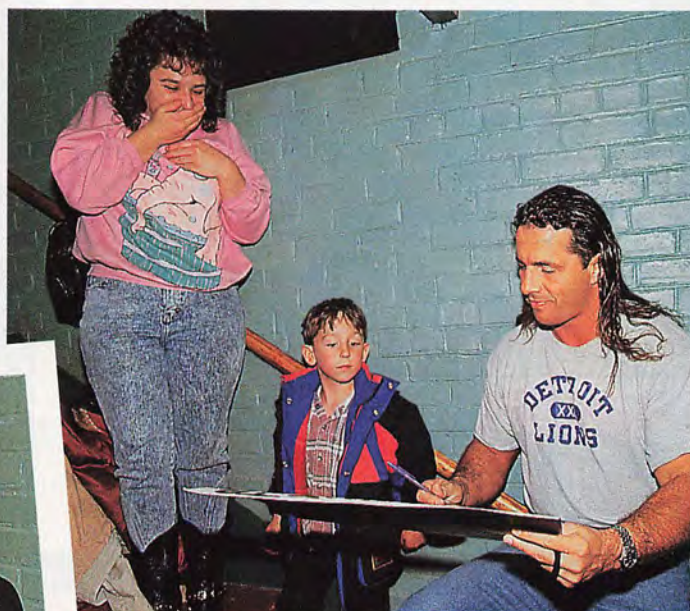
This magazine had the opportunity to see such stars as Jerry "The King" Lawler gathering his thoughts moments before he conducted an interview on the King's Court. We then nabbed him lambasting members of his royal family, particularly Queazy and Sleazey, while Cheezey looked on.

From there, Sulley invaded the Unitel Remote Operations truck, which is called "Raw Central." At this video command post, Sulley snapped shots of Raw's ace video production team, especially Producer Kevin Dunn and Director





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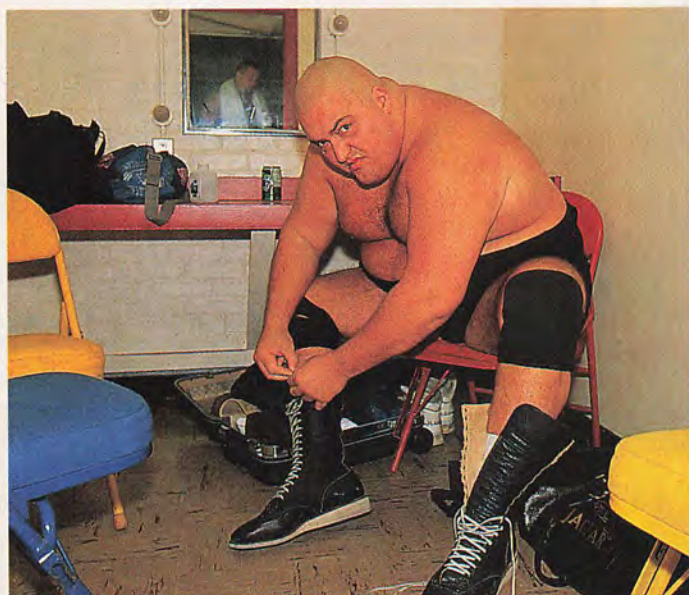


Kerwin "Kermie" Silfies doing their things. Other experienced members on the production staff were also caught for reasons of posterity.

Minutes later, Sulley exited the vehicle and returned to the arena by way of the locker room. One with ever-seeking eyes, Sulley began to crank away with his lens; the images are now frozen for all to see

*Our photographer caught Owen Hart mugging for the mirror, Ed Trucco on the run, Bret signing for fans, Luger interviewing, Backlund, Bundy, IRS, a Royal meeting and Raw's television road crew in action.*





right here. Sulley caught Diesel preparing for an upcoming championship tag team match; James E. Cornette trying to coax Bob "Spark Plugg" Holly into a business deal; King Kong Bundy—who, by the by, attempted to smash Sulley's lens—lacing his monstrous size 15 boots; referees talking to referees, Bret "Hit Man" Hart talking to Chief Jay Strongbow, Lex Luger talking to the cameras, and IRS and Bob Backlund talking to each other.

Out in the arena, Sulley surprised the directors and technicians on the audio and lighting crews, as well as the fellas who orchestrate Monday Night Raw's dramatic pyro-blasts.

All in all, Sulley's photos give us a real insider's view of Monday Night Raw—up close and personal. **W**

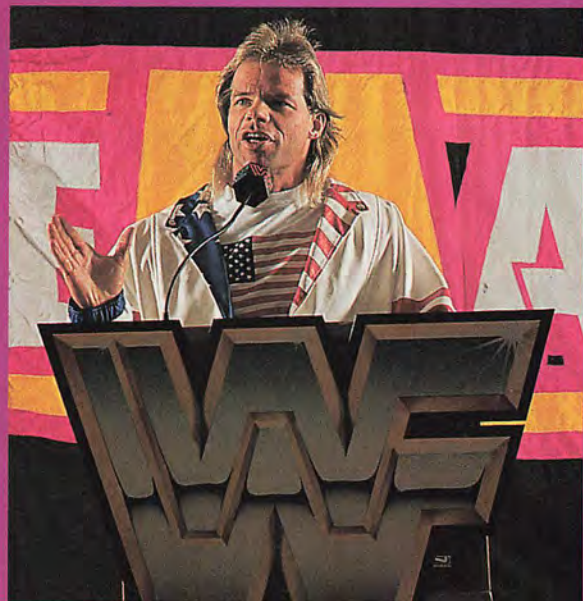


## The Bushwhackers

Recently, Bushwhackers Luke and Butch took time from their busy schedules to brighten the life of someone less fortunate than they are. They spent the day with George Pollice, a youngster who is undergoing chemotherapy for a serious illness. The meeting, *Lowdown* learned, was set up by the Suncoast Children's Dream Fund.

Luke and Butch accompanied George all over central Florida and had lunch with their No. 1 Bushwhackeroo at Crabby Bill's, a popular seafood restaurant. The afternoon brought more happiness to this young "fighter's" life than he had had in a long time.

The Suncoast Children's Dream Fund is a non-profit group that tends to the needs of seriously ill children on the west coast of Florida. The organization has been in operation since 1981, and the Bushwhackers say that they are always willing and happy to provide their services whenever they can.



## WrestleMania XI Announced

Last October 27, officials from the World Wrestling Federation announced that *WrestleMania XI*—which should be the biggest, most tantalizing *WrestleMania* of all time—will emanate from the Hartford Civic Center in Connecticut on Sunday, April 2, 1995. The Federation said it had wanted to hold a *WrestleMania* in Hartford because the city isn't far from Federation headquarters in Stamford and because it had always wanted to hold such a prestigious event in "our own front yard."

In addition, *WrestleMania XI* will help promote the International Special Olympics, which will be held in Connecticut this summer.

Among those in attendance at the special luncheon were Lex Luger, the Undertaker along with Paul Bearer, Mr. Bob Backlund, Vince and Linda McMahon and former Connecticut Governor Lowell Weicker. Also announced in Hartford were plans for the *WrestleMania* Fan Festival, now in its second season. The Fan Festival will be held in conjunction with *WrestleMania XI* and will begin on March 31.

*World Wrestling Federation Magazine* and the Federation Television Network will release all of the latest details regarding *WrestleMania XI* in the near future.



## Volkoff—A Silent Worker?

Not much has been heard from Nikolai Volkoff. Volkoff, if you recall, was the first World Wrestling Federation superstar to join—or to be coerced into—the Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase's Corporation. Sure, he's been seen around the locker rooms and even running to the aid of his Corporation brethren such as Tatanka and King Kong Bundy.

However, Volkoff hasn't been competing between the ropes all that much. What gives? Well, according to the Million Dollar Man, Volkoff has been busy in other areas of the corporate lifestyle.

DiBiase says that Volkoff accompanies him to various golf courses, where Nikolai often retrieves golf balls from the water or lugs the clubs for 18 holes. DiBiase has also said that Volkoff is responsible for hand-cleaning all 26 of the Million Dollar Man's limousines and Rolls Royces.

"And I even gave him [Volkoff] a few bucks for his trouble," DiBiase laughed.



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## Lonesome Dove and Bret

*Lowdown* has learned that Bret "Hit Man" Hart is to co-star in an episode of the popular CBS television series *Lonesome Dove*. The filming, so *Lowdown* has uncovered, took place at the end of October and into November, and the episode should air sometime in the first half of 1995.

The episode is said to feature the Hit Man in a way he's never before been seen. He will be co-starring with Annette O'Toole (*48 Hours*), who will be playing the role of Claudia Harrell—a vivacious traveling photographer. Bret will be cast in the role of Luther Root, a man of the mountains and one who is enthralled with Harrell.

That's all *Lowdown* can divulge at this time.

## Where They've Been—Superstars Step Out

The Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase and other Federation superstars appeared at the Focus on Video Convention in Toronto on behalf of Coliseum Home Video. In late October, Bret Hart stopped by the National Pastime Sports Memorabilia Show at Hofstra University in Uniondale, New York. A day before Halloween, the Undertaker and manager Paul Bearer made an appearance at the Trexler Mall in an effort to garner support for the Volunteer Fire Department of Trexlertown, Pennsylvania. As was reported on a local segment of *Live Event News*, Alundra Blayze donated her time to the Connecticut Artist Awards in Stamford and Greenwich, Connecticut, in mid-fall.





# PIN em DOWN



**Q:** Chief Jay Strongbow, how do you feel as a result of Tatanka's attitude?

**Antonia Dels**  
South London, England

**A:** It breaks my heart. Tatanka had a chance to be a role model for all Native Americans, but he blew it. Tatanka parlayed his self-respect and dignity for money, dirty money from the Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase. Someday someone will teach Tatanka a lesson. Hopefully, Lex Luger will get the job done.

## QUESTION

Owen Hart, I am a big fan of yours. How much longer will you continue to fight with Bret, your own flesh and blood?

**Nikkie**  
Johor Bahru, Malaysia

## ANSWER

Until I finish Bret off once and for all. Right now, Bret isn't doing too well. He's not as indestructible as he once thought. He's more vulnerable now than ever before, and I—Owen "The King of Harts" Hart—will crown Bret in a way he's never before been crowned. Bret's days are numbered; he won't last the winter in the Federation.



**Q:**

British Bulldog, how is your former partner Dynamite Kid doing?

**A:**

Unfortunately, the Dynamite Kid has retired from the Federation due to injuries he suffered during his career. He is still my mate, and I call him whenever I can. In his day, Dynamite was a great wrestler with a great physique. He was the only athlete I ever met who would superplex his opponents from the top turnbuckle; no one has ever duplicated the move to this day. I'm happy you asked about Dynamite.



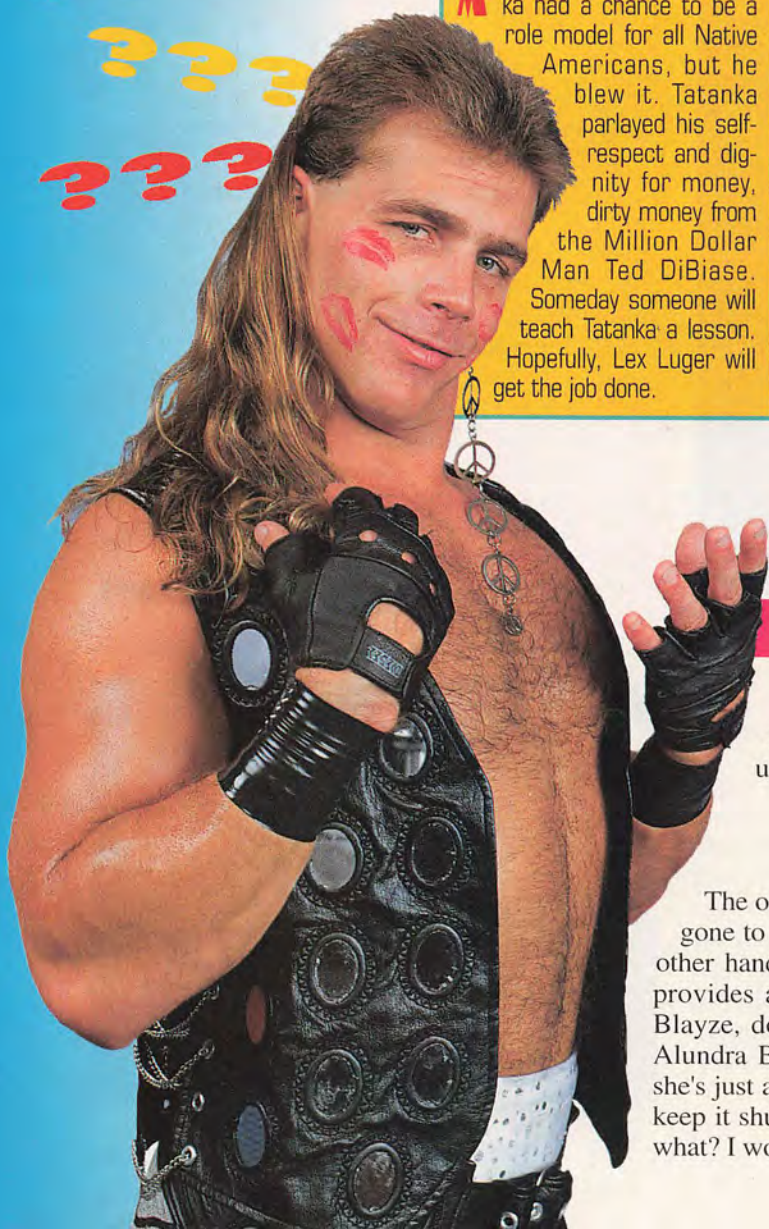
**Michael Essany**  
Valparaiso, Indiana

# Question & Answer

Shawn Michaels, I think your Advice to the Lovelorn column is great. But how do you feel about people who reject it?

**Cody Chullen**  
Benton, Illinois

The only people who reject the Heartbreak Kid's advice are too far gone to help. They're basket cases, and they're pathetic. You, on the other hand, are intelligent enough to realize that the Heartbreak Kid provides a service to the public. Other people, especially Alundra Blayze, don't appreciate what I do. And for that, I don't appreciate Alundra Blayze. She calls herself the "Woman of the '90s." To me, she's just another woman with a big mouth who doesn't know when to keep it shut! She needs my advice more than anybody else; but guess what? I won't tell her what I know; too bad, Alundra!





## The Hit Man Answers His Fans



**Q:** Is there a chance that you would ever team up with Diesel if he were to dump Shawn Michaels?

**Jennifer & Melinda Chadwell**  
Oliver Springs, TN

**A:** It's not very likely, but anything is possible in the World Wrestling Federation. You can never rule anything out. It depends on how people mend their ways sometimes.

**Q:** Congratulations on your new hockey acquisition. What are your favorite hockey, football, baseball and basketball teams?

**Deborah Wood**  
Loveland, CO

**A:** In hockey it's the Pittsburgh Penguins, football it's the Dallas Cowboys, baseball it's the Texas Rangers and basketball it's the Boston Celtics.

**Q:** You're not going to sell out to Ted DiBiase like Tatanka are you? Nobody likes the Million Dollar Man, and if you sell out to him you'll lose a lot of your fans. I know I'm only 11 years old, but does it matter to you what I think?

**Sarah Claypool**  
Drayton, North Dakota

**A:** Absolutely it matters to me what you think, Sarah. There are a lot of things that drive me

and motivate me, but the one thing that never has and never will is MONEY.

**Q:** Were you involved in any other sports before wrestling?

**Christina Olejar**  
Rahway, New Jersey

**A:** Sure I was, Christina. I was a letterman football player, and I could have very easily ended up as a professional football player. Maybe in the CFL in Canada, or maybe even in the NFL. Football was always one of my strongest sports; however, I decided to choose wrestling over it.

**Q:** You've wrestled many tough opponents in your career, but in your opinion who was the toughest?

**Kelly Killiam**  
Bridgeton, New Jersey

**A:** That's a tough question, Kelly. I've had tough opponents, and then I've had tough situations. The toughest situation I ever had was the emotional struggle of having to wrestle my own brother. The toughest match? It's a toss-up between the Undertaker and Yokozuna.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Each month, every letter sent in to Ask Bret will go directly into a drawing. The winner of that drawing will not only be recognized in this magazine, but he/she will also receive an 8x10 autographed picture of the Hit Man!

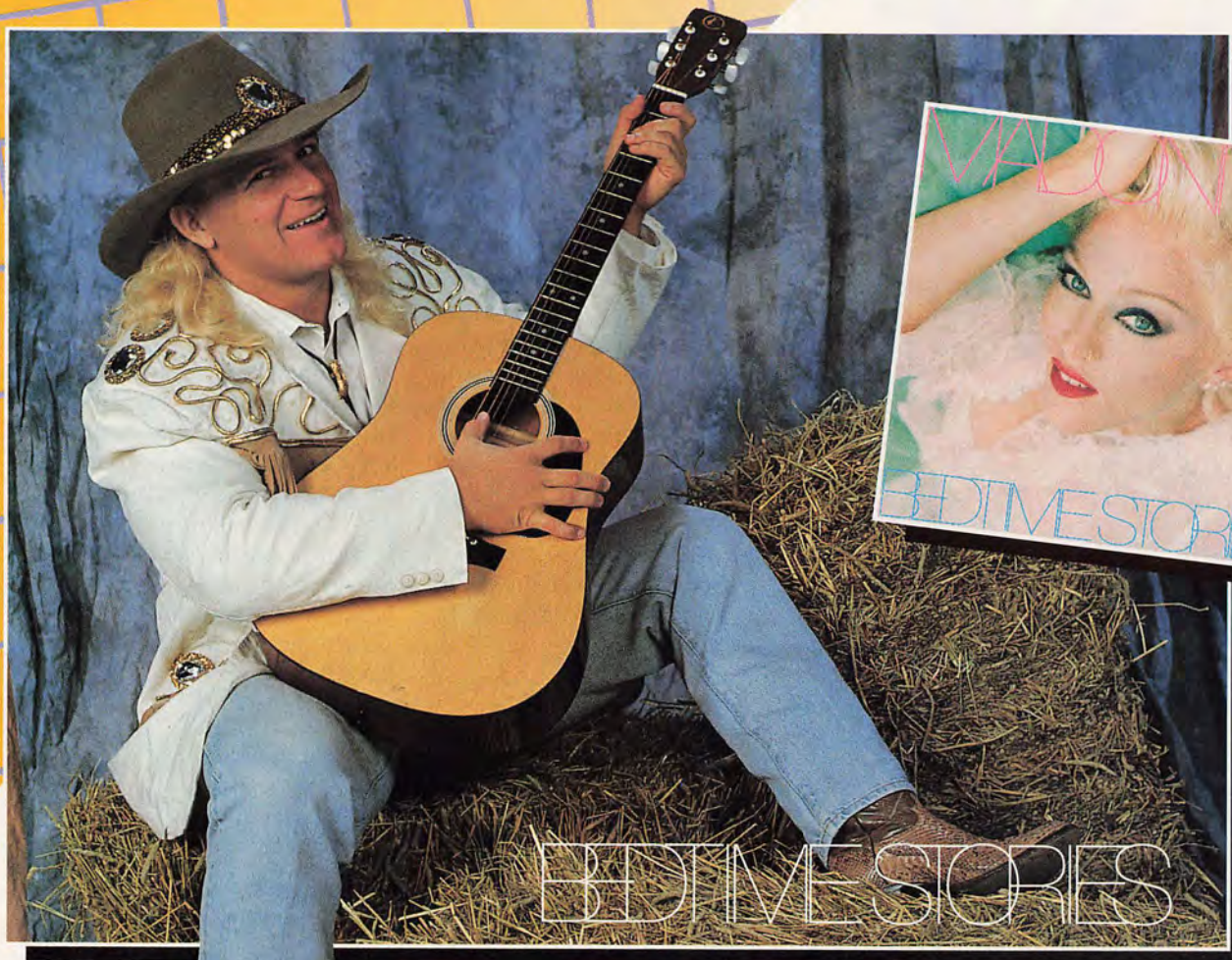
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# DOUBLE J'S

## ALBUM REVIEW OF THE MONTH



**Y**ou know, several years ago when ol' Double J was just a tyke, I saw Madonna hit the pop scene, and yes, she did open some eyes—why, she even opened MY eyes. BUT once I got to know the Material Girl, and ol' Double J got to see her REAL talent, well, like her new song goes—her SECRET was out! And, you know what that secret is, Vincee, baby?

Her career is over! She is all washed up!

She considers herself a legend? I consider her a flash in the pan. Ol' Double J now, that's a true legend. The truth about Madonna is that she's lost, Vincee, baby! She's out there. Why do you think she's got an earring through her nose? It's so someone can lead her around. Before it was Dennis Rodman, but now—you guessed it, Vincee, baby—she's sending me letters, she's sending me faxes, RP's getting letters

from her every day! She wants me to take the rein of that nose ring! She wants ol' Double J to lead her career back on track!

And what about that music video for her song "Secret." What is that all about? First of all, why is this video shot in black and white? Couldn't Madonna get a real budget to shoot a real video? And what's the story line here? Is there a message here? If there is, I missed it. Does she consider this art? My, oh my, somebody better

help this poor girl!

Face it, Vincee, baby, she's falling down the ladder of success. She's got splinters all up AND down her hands! She is now the Immaterial Girl! I had to pull the covers over my head just to get through "Bedtime Stories"!

How many guitar strings? Are you kiddin' me, Vincee, baby? SHE owes me a couple for just having to listen to this trash! Music fans, do yourself a favor—go out and buy "Ain't I Great" instead! **W**



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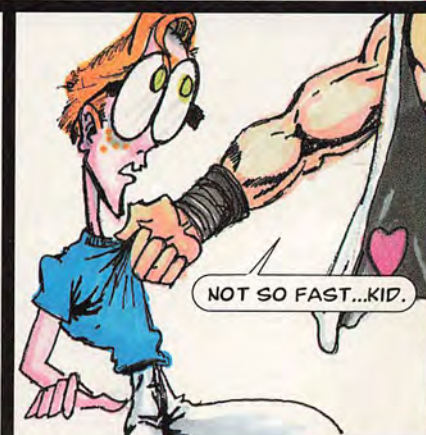
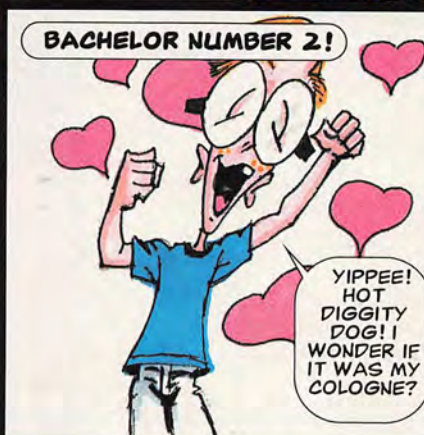
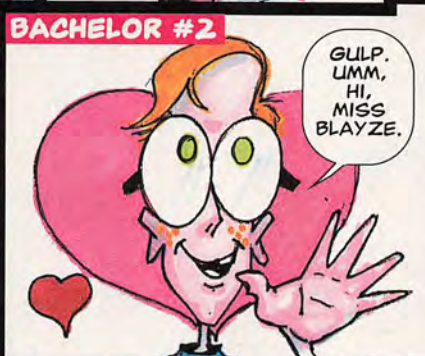
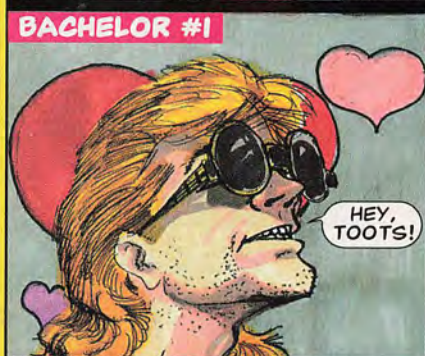
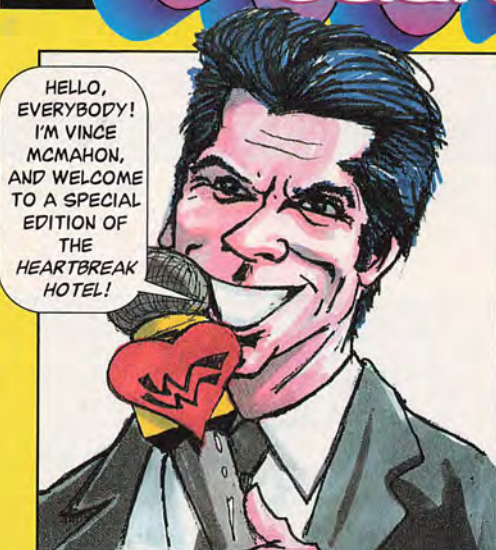
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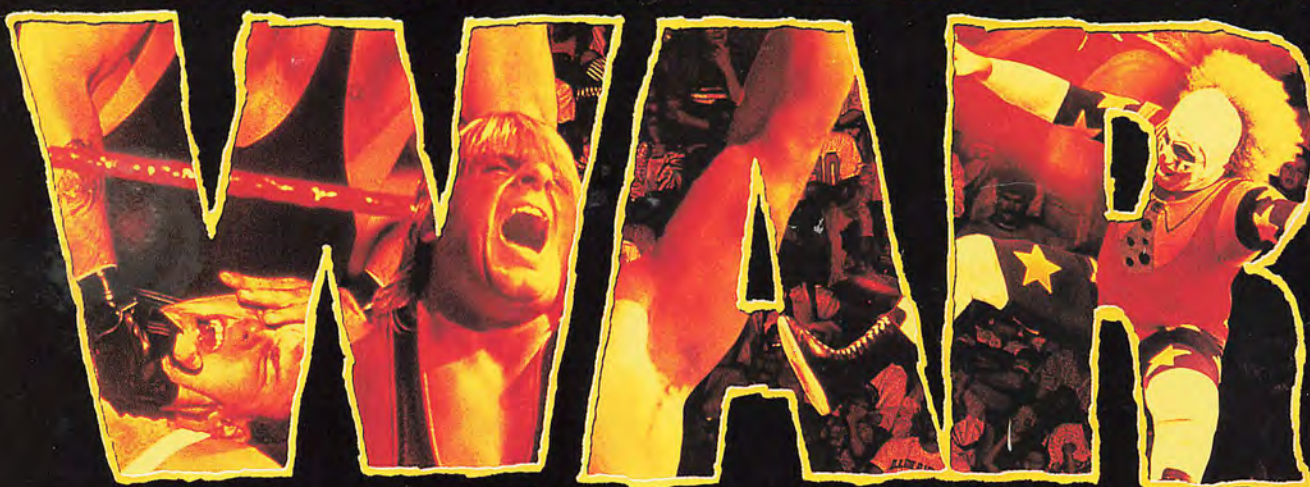
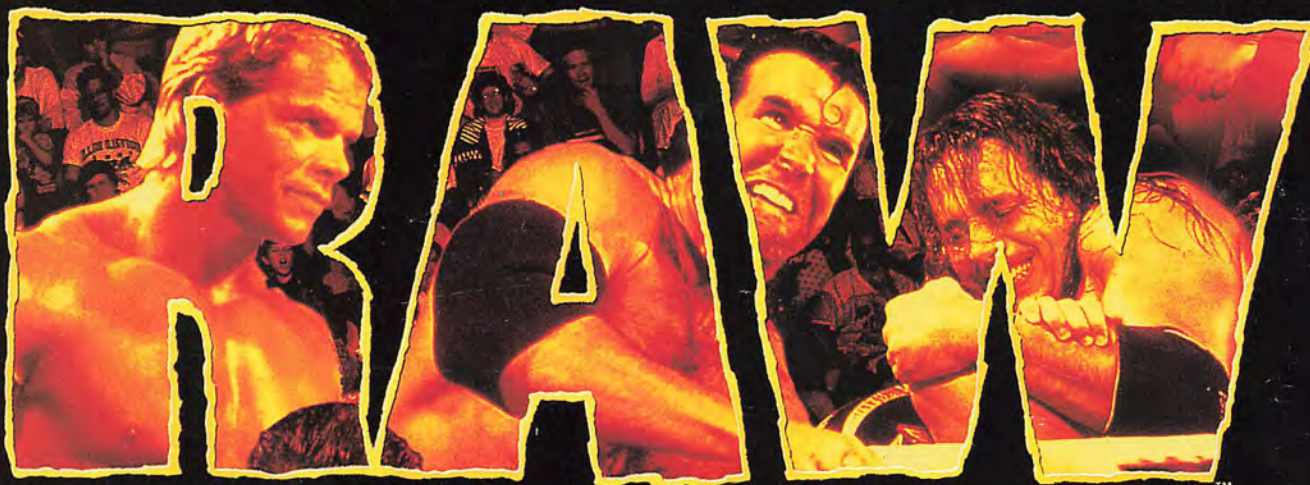
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